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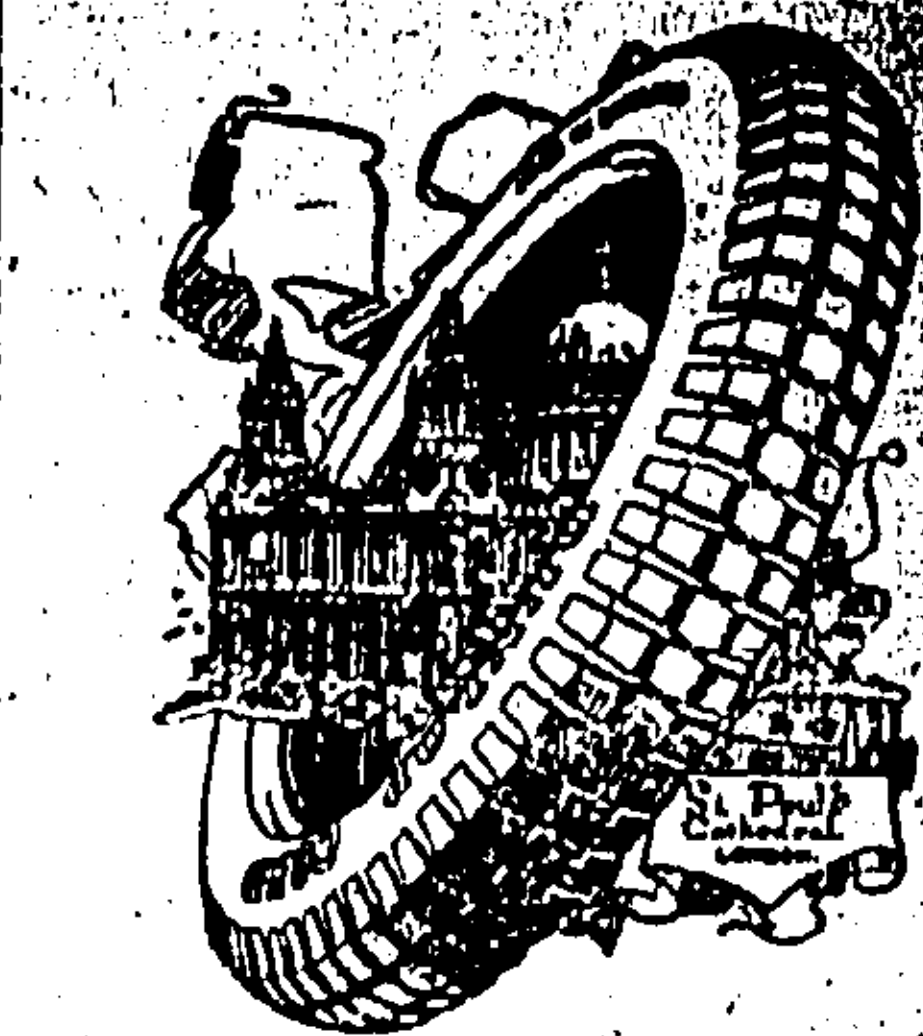


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LOCAL BRANCH.

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HONGKONG'S SILVER SOLUTION.

ADOPTION OF THE GOLD BASIS QUICKLY.

LOCAL BANKER SEES NO VALUE IN WAITING FOR CHINA.

DOLLAR GOING LOWER.

THE SHARP break in the dollar quotation this morning may be accepted as a warning of still worse to follow, according to a local banking authority, who, interviewed to-day, stated that the dollar is likely to get much worse before it gets better. The low records achieved last week do not represent the bottom mark, unless something unforeseen occurs very quickly.

In very definite and emphatic terms, the opinion was expressed that the time had undoubtedly come when Hongkong's currency should be placed on a gold basis. Not for years, if ever, may silver be restored to its former value, while a continuance of existing conditions for any length of time would be ruinous to most commercial undertakings.

Measures such as the imposition of a duty on silver would be too troublesome and would cause confusion, but there is little to prevent Hongkong from adopting a gold basis. The banker added that Hongkong should do so at the earliest opportunity. Waiting for China would do no good. It might do a great deal of harm.

AMERICA'S PART IN THE CRISIS.

A further fall in the value of the dollar, which dropped heavily this morning, was foreboded by a local banking authority, in an interview to-day.

Referring to the accusation levelled by America against the British Government, that it was allowing the authorities in India to sell silver in the markets, thus depreciating its price, we were told:

"The value of the dollar depends on the price of silver, and the allegation by the American politicians that India is selling silver is quite untrue. It is not India which is pushing down the market price, but the Americans themselves."

U.S. Exports To India?

"There is supposed to be ten million ounces of silver on the water from America to India at present. The production of silver from the mines is about 200 million ounces, of which 50 millions is used for silver-making, and this is increasing, and about 25 millions for the Arts. For coinage practically nothing is used at all. As a matter of fact the Bank of Mexico has issued instructions for the withdrawal of ten million pesos, about five millions dollars, in order to help to improve the International Exchange."

"Further indication of the trend of events is shown in the decision of the Persian Government to abolish silver rupees as legal tender, as from April 1, and to make a new coinage."

American Loan "All Bunkum."

In answer to an enquiry regarding the suggestion of an increased duty on silver in India, we were informed that it was an unfounded rumour, though its circulation was the reason for the recent slight increase in the value of the dollar.

"As for the American loan to China," said our informant, "that is all bunkum. China has got quite enough silver already, and it was only another scheme to push up the price of silver and then to unload."

"America has so much silver in reserve that this would be a method of getting rid of it. The chief reason for American getting into this position was the substitution of the 'Bland Bill' for the Silver Bill of July 14, 1890. By that Act the United States Government was directed to purchase at the market price, 4 1/2 million ounces of silver bullion per month, and to issue treasury notes in payment for these purchases. These treasury notes, which were legal tender to any amount, were in form promises to pay coin on demand, and were issued in denominations of not

less than one thousand dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars. They were redeemable in gold or silver at the option of the Secretary of the Treasury; this discretion, however, had to be guided by a declaration expressly made in the Act "that is the established policy of the United States to maintain the two metals on a parity with each other upon the present legal ratio, or such ratio as may be provided by law."

Gold Basis only Hope.

Discussing the future of silver and its value, we were told that taking the long view, the price of silver must fall further. To what levels, no one could say. "It is not

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's demand quotation:—
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10.15 a.m. 11 1/4 d.

the actual production of silver from the mines that is the trouble, but the by-product silver which is sold so very much cheaper."

"What is the solution for Hongkong? The only solution is the adoption of the gold basis, and making the rest of China."

World Production Increase.

As a significant pointer as to the seriousness of the danger of over-production in silver, the following authentic figures were quoted to us, showing how the production of the metal had increased.

The production in the United States of America for July and August, 1929 and August, 1930 was:—
August, 1929, 3,006,000 ounces; July 1930, 3,551,000 and August, 1930, 3,740,000.
Canada—August 1929, 2,744,000; July 1930, 2,100,000; August 1930, 2,685,000.
World Output.—June 1929, 17,802,000; May 1930, 18,237,000; June 1930, 18,407,000.

FRENCH DECISION ON GOLD.

MAY INTENSIFY FLOW FROM LONDON TO PARIS.

UNEXPECTED ACTION.

Paris, Jan. 14.
The Bank of France, which has hitherto only accepted gold bullion of a standard fineness of 995 per mille, has decided in future to accept all ingots of gold of a standard fineness of 900 per mille and over.
This means that the Bank of France will now accept gold of the standard fineness adopted by the Bank of England, namely 916.66 per mille.
All gold sent from London to France at present must be refined, involving delay and uncertainty.
The immediate result of the change may be to intensify the flow of gold from London to Paris, but the opinion is expressed that gold movements may be regularised in due course.—*Reuter.*
The above development is somewhat strange in view of the fact

CHINA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

League of Nations invited to Send Expert.

SECRETARY'S REPLY.

Geneva, Jan. 14.
The Chinese Government has telegraphed to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, suggesting that Sir Arthur Salter, Director of the Economic and Finance Section, visit China to discuss questions relating to the effect of the present world depression on China's economic activities.

The Chinese Government also suggests that Mr. Robert Haas, Director of the League's Communications Organisation, visit China to discuss the problems of China's inland waterways, and land reclamation.
The Secretary-General has replied that the invitation will be submitted to the League Council at its January Session.—*Reuter.*

that only two days ago the French Finance Minister, in an interview, defended France's monetary policy and declared that the Government was taking steps to limit the influx of gold.

M. Martin, in making this announcement, added:—"To-morrow, in order that the Government's desire not to adopt a financial policy dominated by egotistical, its ends may become even plainer. We may hope that with the collaboration of the Bank of France a notable improvement will be effected by a monetary settlement between the London and Paris Markets."

QUAKE SCARE IN MEXICO.

PECULIAR PHENOMENON WITH COLD SNAP.

Mexico City, Jan. 14.
The sharpest earthquake tremors ever experienced here threw the city into great confusion late this evening. The tremors lasted for over two minutes. The population ran into the streets, expecting buildings to collapse. A peculiar yellow light was seen in the sky, accompanied by flashes of lightning.
The disturbance followed a big drop of the thermometer, which caused intense cold, many residents seeking snow for the first time in their lives.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHILEAN NITRATE COMBINE.

AMERICAN NEGOTIATION SUCCEED.

Santiago de Chile, Jan. 14.
The Minister of Finance has announced that the negotiations in New York for the establishment of a \$500,000,000 nitrate combine have been successfully completed.—*Reuter.*

SENSATIONAL F. A. CUP RESULTS.

ARSENAL TRIUMPH AT VILLA PARK.

NOT A SINGLE VICTORY BY A HOME TEAM.

FOUR MORE RE-PLAYS.

London, Jan. 14.
Some thrilling football was witnessed to-day in English Cup replays in different parts of the country. Eight of the nine matches drawn on Saturday were re-contested and, rather extraordinary, not a single club that managed to bring about a switch to its own ground was able to win before its own supporters.

As a matter of fact, four teams won away from home and further replays will be necessary in the other four.

The finest performance of the day was that of The Arsenal, who qualified to meet Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on January 24, by defeating Aston Villa by three goals to one at Villa Park.
Another successful London club was Brentford, of the Third Division, who snatched a 2-1 victory at Cardiff.
York City conceded two goals to Sheffield United in a bright game. Torquay had a sad experience against Bury at Torquay, the Second Division side being well held up to 30 minutes, but obtaining a winning goal in extra time.

Bradford City held Middlesbrough to a draw. Reading and Crystal Palace failed to reach a decisive result, and Charlton again proved good enough for West Bromwich Albion.
These matches, together with that between Manchester United and Stoke City, will be played on neutral grounds next week, most probably on Monday.
A number of league matches were also played to-day, Bolton winning over Liverpool in the First Division. Two London clubs in the Third Division (South) were defeated on foreign soil.

The results, as enabled by *Reuter*, are appended:

F. A. Cup Re-Plays.

Middlesbrough	1	Bradford C.	3
Aston Villa	1	Arsenal	3
Cardiff	1	Brentford	2
York City	0	Sheffield U.	2
Manchester U.	0	Stoke City	0
Reading	1	Crystal Pal.	1
Charlton	1	West Brom.	1
Torquay	1	Bury	2

The revised draw follows:

Crystal Palace	v.	Everton.
Reading	v.	Wolves.
Middlesbrough	v.	Exeter.
Bradford C.	v.	Newcastle.
Bury	v.	Stoke or
Leeds United	v.	Manchester U.
Grimby T.	v.	Blackpool.
Chelsea	v.	Arsenal
Southport	v.	Blackpool.
Blackburn or	v.	Bristol Rov.
Walsall	v.	Sunderland.
Barnsley	v.	Notts County.
Bolton W.	v.	Tottenham.
Sheff. Wan.	v.	Brighton.
Sheffield Un.	v.	Portsmouth.
West Brom. or	v.	Wednesday.
Charlton	v.	Port Vale.
Walsall	v.	Port Vale.

Matches to be played on January 24.—*Reuter.*

First Division.	
Bolton W.	2 Liverpool
Third Division (South)..	
Exeter	3 Fulham
Bristol Rov.	3 Q. P. Rangers
Third Division (North).	

CAPT. CAMPBELL'S ATTEMPT.

IN NEW ZEALAND IF ANY U.S. DIFFICULTIES.

London, Jan. 14.
Captain Malcolm Campbell left Southampton to-day on his projected attempt to break the world's land speed record on Daytona Beach in the twelve-cylinder 1,400-horse-power car, Bluebird.
Before sailing with his car and mechanics, he called to the American Automobile Association:—"If any difficulty in United States shall proceed New Zealand"—*British Wireless.*

MYSTERY SYDNEY COFFINS.

"TUNG WAH HOSPITAL" ON THE SIDE.

FOUND ON THE BEACH.

Sydney, Jan. 14.
A number of Chinese coffins have been washed up on beaches near Sydney and there is much speculation among local Chinese regarding the significance of the happening.
One of the coffins bears an inscription in Chinese, which translated shows the figures "87 87" and the words "Tung Wah Hospital, Hongkong."—*Reuter.*
The mystery, if such exists, can only be cleared up at the Australian end, it being fairly obvious that the Tung Wah Hospital, Hongkong, was the destination and not the place of origin of the coffins.
The message does not say whether the coffins were empty or otherwise. It can only be assumed that the existence of an address is evidence that the coffins were sent to Hongkong to be placed in

BIAS BAY PIRATES CAPTURED.

Hsin Ming Victims Said To Be Rescued.

GUNBOAT'S GOOD WORK.

Canton, Jan. 15.
According to information which has reached the Government by wireless from Bias Bay, a Chinese gunboat on patrol there has succeeded in capturing three pirate vessels.

Twenty pirates were aboard these boats, together with four Chinese who are believed to be the three passengers and a comrade kidnapped when the China Merchants s.s. Hsin Ming was pirated.

It is claimed by the captors that the pirates captured were those who actually took part in the piracy of the Hsin Ming.

the Tung Wah Hospital Shelter, as is customary when Chinese die abroad.

The coffins may have been washed overboard from a steamer, or from a wharf, no news of a wreck having been received.

EUROPEAN DEBTS TO U.S.A.

SIGNIFICANT DEMOCRATIC STATEMENT.

New York, Jan. 14.

A statement in regard to Europe's debts to America, considered significant as the speaker intends to stand as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency in 1932, was made to-day by Mr. Albert Ritchie, Governor of Maryland, in his inaugural address.

Mr. Ritchie said:—"The countries of Europe are our debtors, and we won't prosper if they are prostrated. Our economic progress involves helping them, and the time is near when further consideration should be given to the status of our international debt."

The Governor also attacked high tariffs and denounced prohibition.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PRINCE'S TOUR TO S. AMERICA.

TO LEAVE WITH BROTHER TO-MORROW.

London, Jan. 14.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who will embark for his South American tour at Santander on Sunday, will travel to Paris on Friday, accompanied by Prince George.

The Princes will fly to France in the morning if the weather is fine, otherwise, they will leave by train in the afternoon.—*British Wireless.*

ONE SEAT PREVENTS SETTLEMENT.

DRAMATIC BREAKDOWN AT CONFERENCE.

HINDU-MOSLEM AGREEMENT: SIKHS REFUSE TO GIVE WAY.

MOSLEMS' NEW OFFER.

THE ELUSIVENESS of the solution to the minority differences at the Round Table Conference was dramatically demonstrated yesterday. Everything pointed to a satisfactory settlement. Sir Muhammad Shafi made a new offer on behalf of the Moslems which elicited a conciliatory reply by Dr. Moonje, and which seemed certain to end the controversy.

No agreement was, however, reached. The Moslems and the Hindus settled their own problems but the Sikh community became involved in the matter and the Sikhs refused to give way on one point. It is understood that the question of only a single seat in the Punjab caused the breakdown.

Having been so close to success, however, it is inconceivable that the efforts will not be pursued vigorously. The outlook is definitely brighter than the discussion in the Federal Structure Sub-Committee gave reason to expect.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

London, Jan. 14.
A renewed effort to settle the Hindu-Moslem problem was made to-day when, in the Minorities Committee, over which the Prime Minister presided, a fresh offer was made by Sir Muhammad Shafi on behalf of the Moslem delegation. On the proposal of Doctor Moonje, the Hindu leader, who described it as showing a spirit of accommodation, the committee adjourned while the offer was further considered in private by a few of the leaders of either side, with the Prime Minister present as conciliator. After several hours the meeting was still continuing.

Moslem Offer.

When the Committee met, Sir Muhammad Shafi recalled that in the previous negotiations certain approaches to an agreement had been made, but it was over the representation in the Punjab and Bengal—where the Moslems are in the majority—that a failure had occurred.

He was now authorised by the Moslem delegation to make an offer that the Punjab Moslems should have, through the communal electorates, forty-nine per cent. of the entire number of the seats in the whole House, and should have liberty to contest the special constituencies which it was proposed to create there.

In Bengal, the Moslems should have, through the communal electorates, forty-six per cent. of the representation in the whole House and the right to contest the special constituencies there.

Weightage Plan.

In so far as the Minority Provinces were concerned, the Moslems should continue to enjoy the weightage they had at present, through separate electorates, a similar weightage to be given to the Hindus in the Sind and the Sikhs in the North West Frontier Province.

If at any time hereafter, he added, two-thirds of the representatives of any community in any Provincial Legislative Council or in the Central Legislative Council desired to give up the communal electorates and to accept joint electorates then, thereafter, the system of joint electorates could come into being in that particular Provincial or Central Legislature as the case might be.

Results of Proposal.
The result of the proposal in Bengal would be that the Moslems would remain in a permanent minority, although they constitute the majority of the population. The special constituencies (it was

proposed to set up there were such that the Moslems could hope to secure only one seat, named Dacca University. In the Punjab they might conceivably secure two of the special constituency seats in which case they might have a majority of one.

Sir Muhammad Shafi said it was the Moslem's final offer, and that could not possibly agree to a greater sacrifice than it involved.

Good Reception.

Mr. Srinivasa Sastri who followed, said he had listened to the offer with respect. He and some of his friends, believed the difficulties to be capable of settlement and had, indeed, been more or less settled in regard to the greater part of India and remaining only in Bengal and Punjab.

This offer was one which seemed to him and his friends might be accepted in these Provinces. He pointed out that the no settlement of the Hindu-Moslem problem imperilled the whole work of the conference.

Mijal Singh said the Sikhs could in no case accept less than twenty-four per cent. of representation in the Punjab Council.

Mr. Mitter feared the offer would not lead to peace in Bengal and for that reason he considered it unacceptable.

Nath Windra, a delegate from the Punjab also pointed out that the thirty-two per cent. proportion of his population would be reduced by the offer to having twenty-seven per cent. representation.

Doctor Moonje the Hindu Mahasabha leader, expressed pleasure at the spirit inspiring the offer and continued that, though an accommodation was last within sight, he suggested that a few representative members on each side, with the Premier's conciliator, should consider the situation privately.

Later, the private meeting attempting to settle the minority problem failed to reach agreement. It is understood that the narrowest possible margin, namely, the question of one seat in the Punjab Council, actually an agreement was reached between the Hindus and Moslems and delegates, sending both communities one time joined in making appeal to the Sikhs, who ever, refused to give way.

Hindur Prior Suggestion.
As reported earlier, the Minister last night met the Khan, Sir Muhammad Khan, Mr. Pinnah, who strongly (Continued on page 2)

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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE AT ANNUAL MEETING.

MONEY NEEDED.

His Excellency, Sir William Peel, the local Chief Scout, occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Boy Scouts' Association, which was held in the Cathedral Hall, yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency was supported by the Rev. C. T. Waldegrave (Commissioner), Messrs. G. Champkin and G. H. Christian (Assistant Commissioners), the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall (President of the Association), the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. D. Black and Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Waldegrave prefaced comments on the annual report, which has already been published in these columns, with a welcome to His Excellency as Chief Scout.

He said:—An it is my privilege to be the first speaker it is my very pleasant duty to say how warmly we welcome Your Excellency here to-day. The first information that I received at Imperial Headquarters in London when I arrived home on leave was that you, Sir, had kindly consented to be our local Chief Scout. Naturally I felt assured that we should have the same keen and sympathetic support that we have received in the past from Sir Reginald Stubbs and Sir Cecil Clementi. We hope that shortly you will be able to inspect the Scouts themselves and present the Prince of Wales Banner to the winning Troop, the 20th Hongkong, which for the current year is thus entitled to the name "The Governor's Troop."

600 Scouts.

We much regret that owing to illness Mr. Halward our Assistant Commissioner for Training cannot be with us to-day, but we are glad that he is on the road to recovery. In thanking Mr. Champkin and all those friends who have done such valuable work during the past year, I should like to mention Mr. W. H. Smith who audited the accounts after this Report was written. We are sincerely grateful to him. As regards the actual number of Scouts of all three branches receiving training our total numbers at the end of September showed an increase of 38. Since then, however, numbers have gone up again and I estimate that at present there are at least 600 boys actively engaged in Scouting.

The President and Treasurer will deal with the Financial side of the movement, but I should like to say that yesterday I received a note from the Cubmaster of the Peak Pack that he had enthusiastically agreed to a proposal that the sum of \$50 should be voted from their Pack Funds towards Saiwan. That is the sort of news we like to hear and we sincerely hope that this fine lead given by the youngest members of the Association will be widely and generously followed.

Officers Elected.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Waldegrave, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Shenton, after which Mr. T. N. Chau presented the statement of accounts, when he said that he would like to see the Saiwan mortgage for \$16,000 redeemed at an early date.

He proposed the adoption of the accounts, this being seconded by Mr. J. R. Wood and carried.

Mr. Waldegrave proposed, and the Hon. Mr. Shenton seconded, a new draft of regulations for internal management, this being approved by the meeting.

The following were added to the Council: Commodore A. H. Walker, R.N., Commander J. B. Newill, R.N. (Sea Scout Committee), Mr. G. P. de Martin (Director of Education), Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. Tang Shu-kin. Scoutmasters W. Gittins and K. H. Yip were elected

to represent Hongkong, and Mr. K. H. Uttley and Mr. S. A. Sweet were elected to represent Kowloon.

President's Appeals.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall said:—In the name of the Boy Scouts' Association I respectfully extend to you, Sir, a most hearty and warm welcome on this, your first appearance, as our Chief Scout, and on behalf of the members of the Association Council, I pledge to you, Sir, our loyal and whole-hearted support.

Continuing, he said:—All of you must read with satisfaction the Commissioner's report for the past year. It shows substantial progress in many directions, for which we are largely indebted to our energetic and hard-working Commissioner, whom we are pleased to welcome back from a well-earned holiday. So devoted is Mr. Waldegrave to the interests of the Association that when he was at home on leave and should have been enjoying a much-needed rest, he attended two important Scout conferences in England, and also had several discussions with Imperial Headquarters on weighty matters connected with this Association.

Thanks to Workers.

It would be invidious and indeed difficult to single out any individuals for special mention, when all have had a share in contributing to the result achieved, but I cannot forget the services rendered to the Association by Mr. C. Champkin who, during the eight months of Mr. Waldegrave's absence, carried on his responsible and arduous duties with marked success. He was ably supported by Mr. G. H. Christian and by that splendid band of Scoutmasters who undoubtedly form the bulwark of the Movement.

To the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton I desire to express sincere thanks for the trouble he has taken in checking and putting into shape the Regulations which have just been approved by you; and to Mr. A. J. Lane for all his help in connection with the Saiwan Camp. Most heartily and sincerely do I associate myself with the Commissioner in his expression of thanks to the other workers who have rendered special and helpful service to the Association, and in his expression of gratification at the conferment of "The Silver Wolf" decoration on Mr. C. H. Blason who, until the beginning of last year, was our Honorary Treasurer and was one of the mainstays of our organisation for a number of years.

We will soon lose the valued service of Mr. A. S. Mitchell, our Honorary Secretary, as he is going home on long furlough. Mr. Mitchell has discharged his duties with zeal and ability, and we are sorry to let him go. We wish him a pleasant holiday, and hope that his services will again be available to us in the same or some other capacity on his return to the Colony.

Appeal for Money.

An the Commissioner has dealt fully with the work of the Association for the past year, I shall not take up your time by traversing the ground once more. I shall, instead, make an appeal to you, and through you, to the general public for support in several important matters.

First of all, I appeal to you for financial help. The Commissioner has pointed out in his report the Association is burdened with a debt of \$16,000, the result of the purchase of the site at Saiwan for our Training Camp, which has proved to be such a desirable acquisition. You will be glad to hear that our able Honorary Treasurer, Mr. T. N. Chau, and our good friend, Mr. Tang Shu-kin, have kindly undertaken to raise at least \$6,000, thus leaving only \$10,000 to be contributed or raised by other members of the Association. The sum wanted is not so very enormous, and I am confident that in view of the many distinct advantages which the Camp affords,

the public will readily help us to clear off this debt in spite of the vanishing value of the dollar.

Appeal for Members.

My next appeal is for more members. Apart from the consideration of a larger revenue which a larger membership would bring to the Association, we want more members, more helpers. It is our conviction that the more members we have, the more widely would our aims be known and our influence disseminated, and thus would the good work be helped on. To those who sympathise with our endeavours I extend a cordial invitation to join us.

Appeal for Leaders.

Now comes my third appeal which is directed to those young men who have had experience of discipline and leadership but who still remain outside the Boy Scouts Movement. I ask them to join us as Scoutmasters, Rover Leaders or Cubmasters, according to their personal preference. From year to year ever since the introduction of the Movement into the Colony, the one cry has been for officers and more officers. There has been no lack of boys desirous of becoming Scouts, but there has always been an insufficiency of Scouters to train and lead them. It cannot be that there are not enough young men with the requisite qualifications in the Colony; rather it is that many qualified men are not aware of our need. I trust that this appeal will catch their eye and will induce them, from a sense of civic duty, to come forward and help us in this work. I assure them that though their duties will demand sacrifice of time and leisure and will at times be onerous, they will themselves be gainers not less than those whom they will try to help.

Appeal to Parents.

Finally, I appeal to parents to let their sons join the Association as Scouts, Rovers or Wolf Cubs, and their daughters as Girl Guides. In the past we have rightly aimed at quality rather than quantity, but now that real progress has been made in every direction, and that we have a proper training-ground and camp, the Commissioner is of the opinion that we can safely take on more recruits, provided we have a sufficient number of officers to train and lead them. We are in hopes that our appeal for such officers will meet with success.

If parents believe in our aims and methods, let them allow their boys and girls to join us. That our organisation has the approval and support of our leading residents can be seen from the list of members of the Association Council, which includes, besides His Excellency the Governor, the names of the Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria, the Right Rev. Bishop Valtorta, the Commodore, His Honour the Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Sir Joseph Kemp, Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Sir William Hornell, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, and many others prominent in their respective walks of life.

Value of Scouting.

It is scarcely necessary for me to repeat that Boy Scouting is non-military, non-political and non-sectarian, and is without distinction of class or race. It is a system which helps the young to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness, steadfastness and pluck. (Continued on Page 11.)

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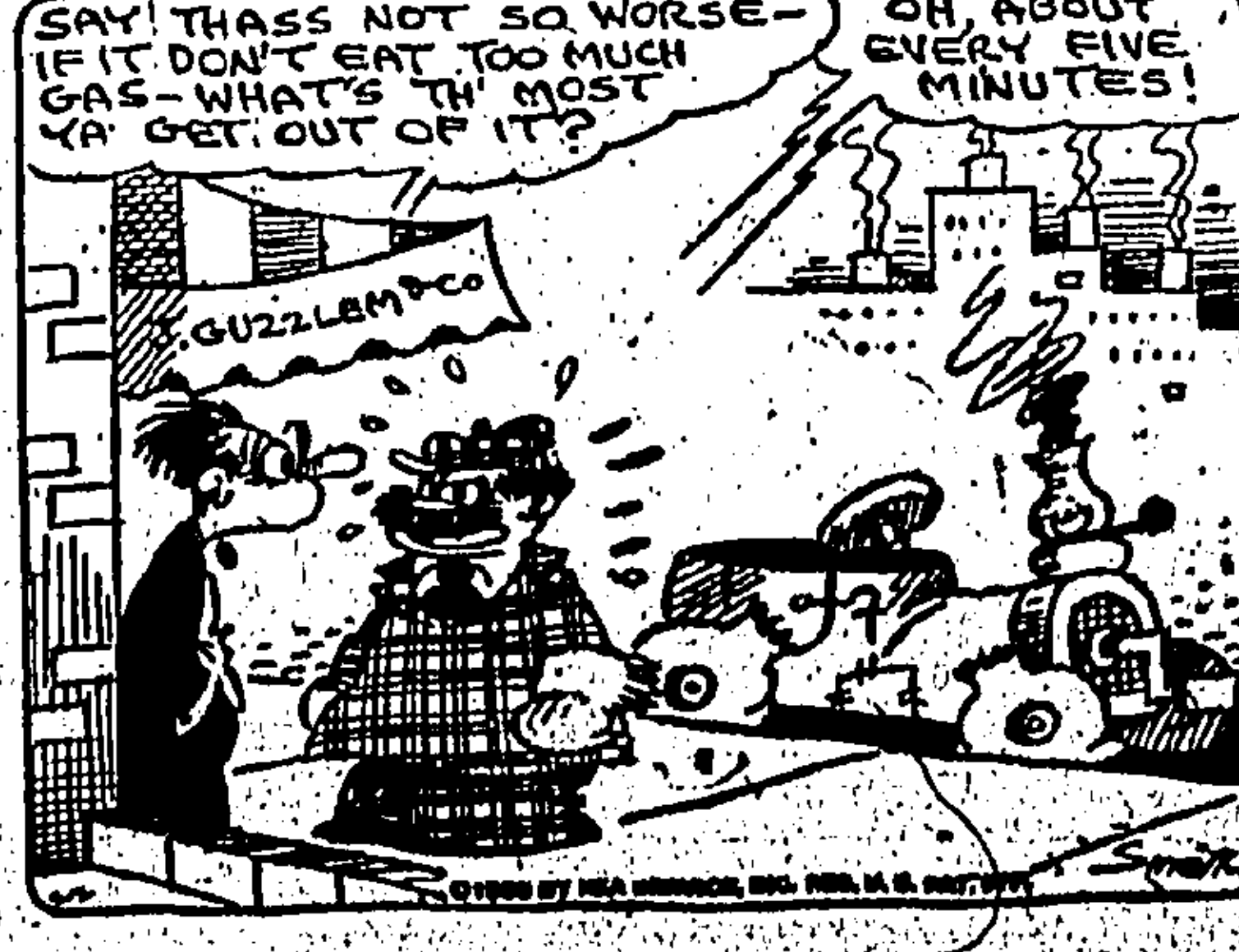
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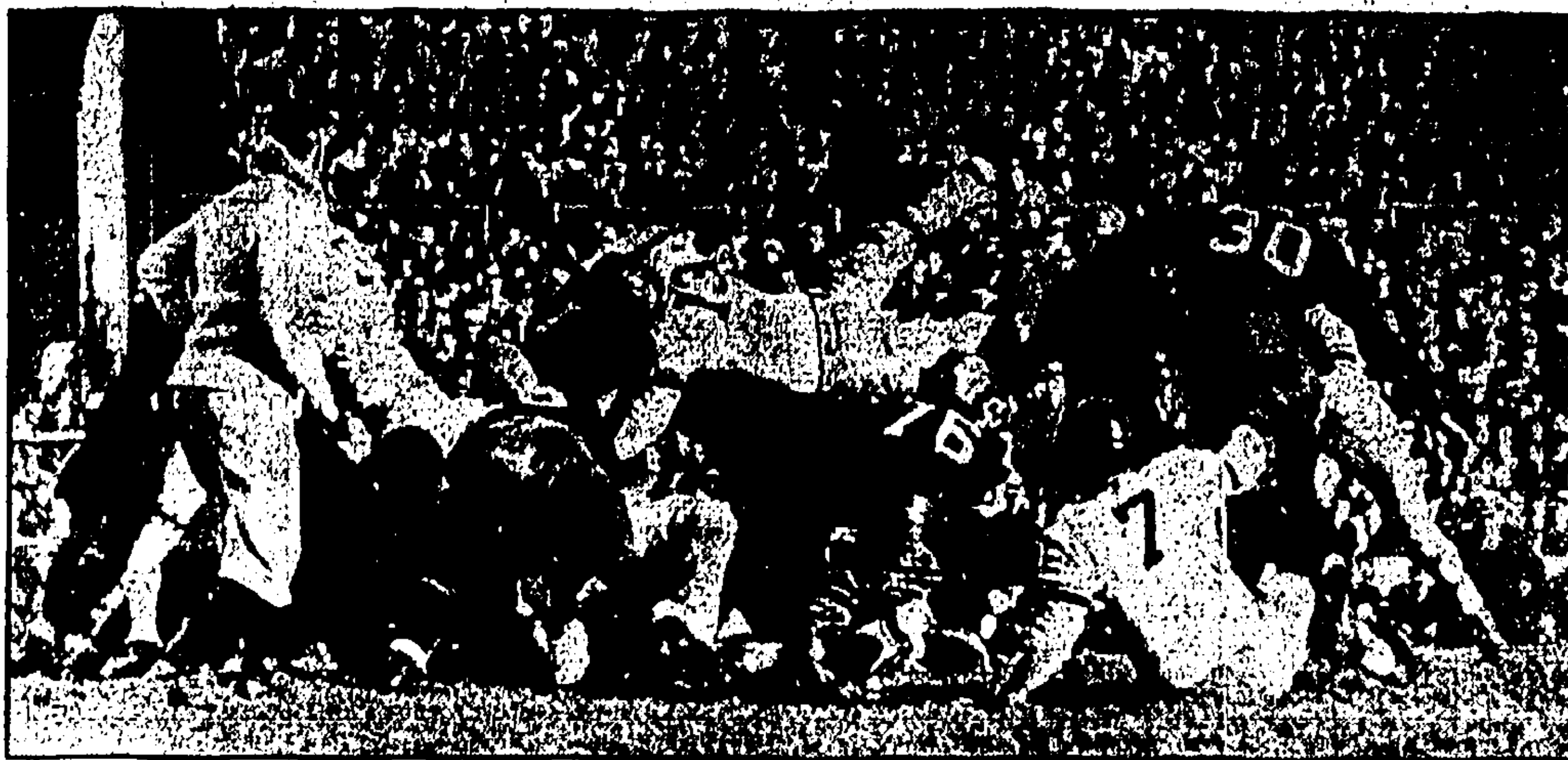


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Winners of the International Horsemen's Trophy at New York, the team sent by the German Army is shown above, left to right: Baron von Nagel, Baron von Waldenfels, an interpreter, Lts. Hasse and Momm.



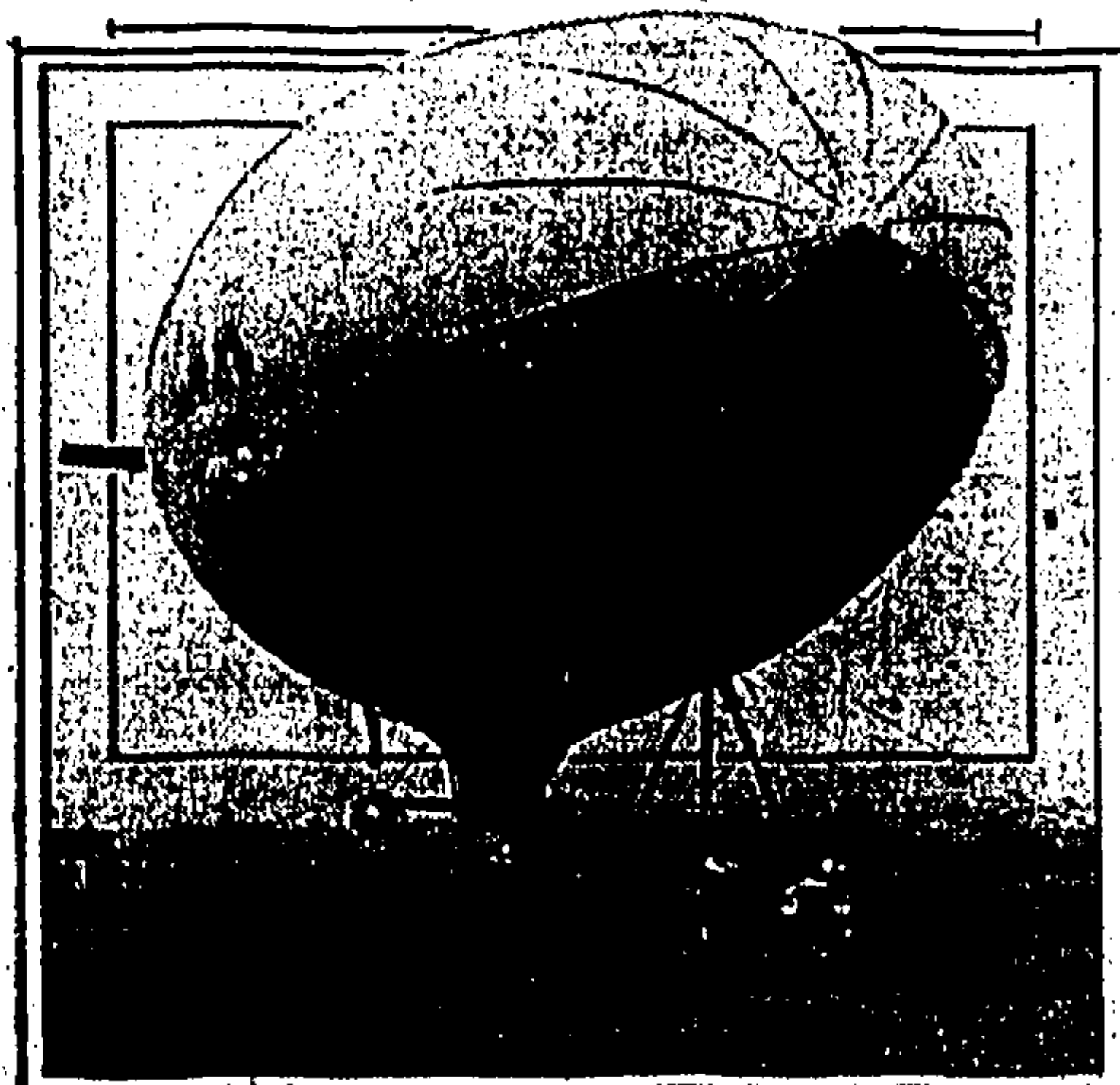
One of the most famous football players in America is Cagle, of the Army, who has joined the New York Giants, and is shown, at the left, after crossing the line against the Green Bay Packers.



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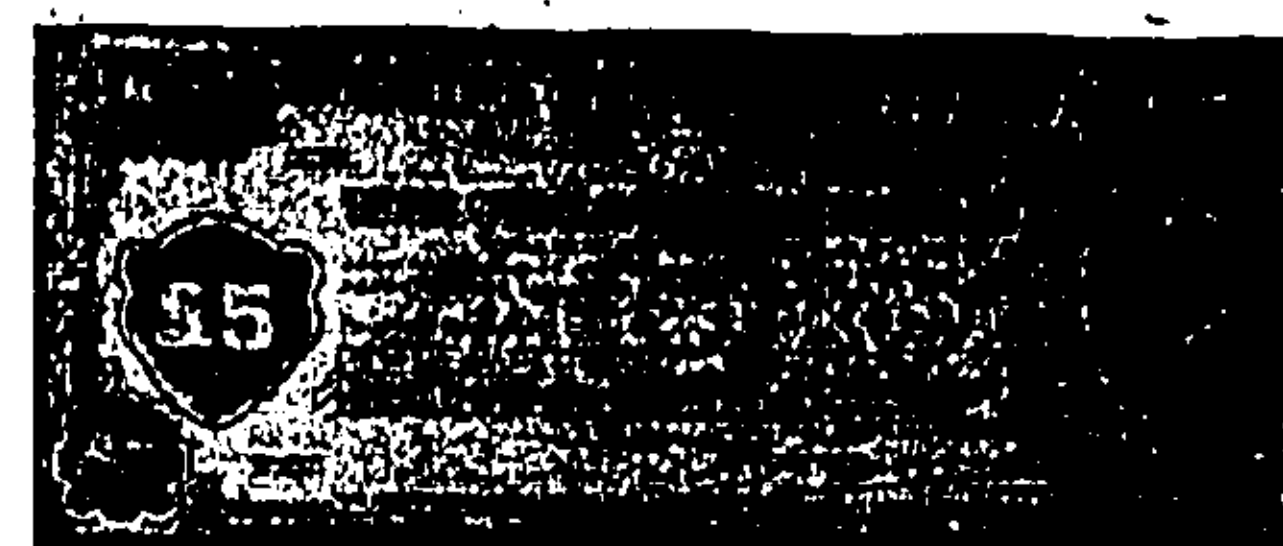
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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 23rd January, to TUESDAY, 10th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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A GREAT DAY.

WHEN THE WORLD OF THE AIR WAS NEW.

The little Dauphin of France was to have a great treat. This in itself implied some notable event; even at the age of twelve, the son of the King of France and Marie Antoinette would require something far out of the ordinary to arouse his keen anticipation. . . . But on this November day of 1783 the young prince was as excited as a country boy going to his first circus. There was good reason. His governess the Duchesse de Polignac had arranged for his special amusement and instruction a spectacle which no human eye had ever beheld: a man trying to travel through the air. . . .

The Montgolfier brothers had worked out one method. M. Charles, and the two brothers Robert and other. Larger and larger bags filled with the different gases had been constructed; one sent up from the Champ de Mars in August had been seen by a vast concourse of fifty thousand people; a little later at Versailles in raising a sheep, a duck, and a rooster a quarter of a mile into the air. Since then the two groups of experimenters had been running a race to see which could first produce a "Machine" sufficiently large and perfect to carry aloft some human being. . . .

The Montgolfiers had won this contest. Their new "ball" was completed. The Marquis d'Arlandes, an infantry major in favour at court, had enthusiastically volunteered to make the experiment. The effort was to be under royal patronage for the special edification of the Dauphin.

So His Royal Highness and all his court were now assembled in the grounds of the Chateau de la Muette, eagerly watching the preparations for his audacious attempt.

Attentively the gorgeous throng watched the great folds of cloth puff out into a sort of conical bag, forty-five feet in diameter and sixty-six high. The trial had been postponed from the previous day because of a storm of wind and rain; there were still gusts from time to time, and the "machine" strained hard at its cords as it took shape and began to rise from the ground. Hardly was it floating clear when there came a sudden squall so violent that the envelope tore apart where the ropes held it. An exclamation burst from the crowd as the whole thing collapsed. Those in charge ran forward, and by quick work prevented it from being consumed in the fire which had supplied its motive power.

There was a label of chatter, condolences, "I-told-you-so's," witticisms. Some sensationalists rushed off to Paris to report the effort a failure and the balloon destroyed. But the fine ladies of the court were all in sympathy with the tried inventor and the would-be travellers; they came to the rescue so effectively that in an hour and a half the torn patches were covered with stout patches sewed on by fair hands, and under M. Montgolfier's direction it was again inflated over the straw-fed fire. The Dauphin decided this was even better sport than he had fancied, and with round eyes beheld the hot air again round out, the envelope and raise the whole affair from the ground. It was beautifully decorated, and bore medallions of the King and the royal crossed "L's."

The silence was profound as the Marquis d'Arlandes and M. de Rozier took their places in the narrow wicker car about the open at the bottom of the balloon. Beside each was a pile of bundles of straw; and it was explained that when they wished to rise they had only to thrust some of these through openings and burn them on the brazier fixed below the balloon, the heated air being only half as heavy as the surrounding atmosphere. The method of M. Charles, on the other hand, made use of "inflammable gas" (hydrogen), produced by the action of acid on iron. This gas was very much lighter but cost many times as much.

Majestically the balloon rose into the air, the occupants gravely saluting as they ascended above the trees. They were now visible to all Paris, which had turned out to see the show, even the towers of Notre Dame being crowded with watchers. A sort of awe filled the most frivolous in the garb of men of letters as they beheld the world of the air. It seemed like "a new kind of eclipse" when the balloon passed between one group and the sun. Up, up, it went, until a cross current of air bore it away—Henry W. Lantier, in "The Book of Bravery."

Mr. W. C. Fehlow will speak on "Re-incarnation, Karma and Christianity" at the usual fortnightly public lecture of the Theosophical Society (Hongkong Lodge), 7, Queen's Road Central, to-day at 6 p.m.

ONE SEAT PREVENTS SETTLEMENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the Prime Minister's statement of policy should be accompanied by an announcement of satisfactory safeguards for the Moslem community. Meanwhile, three Hindu delegates—Messrs. Moonje, Jayakar and Tambe—in a letter to the Times, suggest that in view of the deadlock the communal question be handed over to arbitration. They suggest as suitable arbitrators Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Lord Sankey, Mahatma Gandhi, Professor Gilbert Murray and Professor De Madarago.

Premier's Speech.

The Prime Minister in a speech at a dinner given last night by the British Indian delegation to the Round Table Conference, said: "The form of the Indian constitution is largely in the hands of Doctor Moonje, Sir Muhammad Shaif and Mr. Jinnah. I want the Hon. to lie down with the lamb, and when they do the constitution will emerge with great simplicity and quickly. I believe we are going to hammer out a constitution under which an Indian will not only be happy, but will enjoy a sense of self respect."

Defence Report.

An early and substantial increase in the Indianisation of the Indian Army and the establishment in India of a Military Training College on the lines of Sandhurst, for officers of all arms of the Indian Defence Services, are the chief recommendations of the Defence Subcommittee of the Conference, which submitted its Report to-day.

The Report suggests that the Government of India be advised to set up an Expert Committee, composed of both British and Indian members, to work out details of the College proposal.

Imperial Issue.

The utmost reduction of the number of British troops in India is advocated, but the majority of the Committee held it to be impossible to lay down any definite rate of Indianisation since it might embarrass those responsible for the defence of the country. The Committee recognised the necessity of not infringing on the responsibility of the Crown through the Committee of Imperial Defence, which is not merely concerned with India, but the Empire as a whole. The Report points out that a factor governing all considerations was the responsibility of the Committee of Imperial Defence for examining all defence problems.

Sind Separation.

The Sub-Committee on the separation of Sind concluded its work to-day. The Draft Report admits that the case for the division of Sind from Bombay is impressive.

The Government of Bombay have pointed out certain administrative difficulties, but they are not thought insuperable. The Committee recommend that an Expert Committee in India should examine the case fully including the financial aspects of the separation.—British Wireless and Reuter.

EXTRALITY ISSUE.

CHINA EXPECTS POWERS TO AGREE.

Nanking, Jan. 14. Dr. Wang Chung-hui told press representatives to-day that the Chinese Government is expecting favourable replies as regards extrajurisdiction, from the Powers, by the end of February, but in the event of the replies being unsatisfactory, China would take drastic action. He added that he thought the extrajurisdiction problem would be satisfactorily settled before May next. Dr. Wang said the question of rendition of the foreign Concessions was being discussed concurrently with the main extrajurisdiction issue.—Reuter.

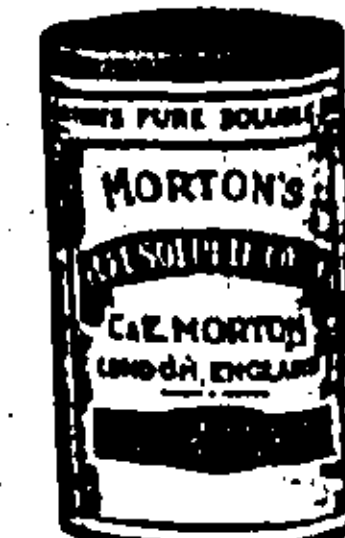
U. S. PROHIBITION.

SLIGHT CHANGE OF POLICY BUT COSTING MORE.

Washington, Jan. 14. Colonel Woodcock, the director of the Prohibition Bureau, has informed the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives that the Government has abandoned the policy of buying liquor in order to secure evidence, and would no longer seek evidence against private law breakers. Nevertheless, prohibition enforcement in the coming year will cost about \$2,370,000 more than last year.—Reuter's American Service.

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Shanghai and Amoy	Pres. Pierce	January 10.
Manila	General Metzinger	January 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Kamo Maru	January 21.
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Straits	Katori Maru	January 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 26 Dec. 1930.)	Pres. Johnson	January 24.
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Dairen	Rhexenor	Thurs., Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
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THURSDAY, JAN. 15, 1931.

WHAT RUSSIA IS DOING.

At a time when we are hearing much about the dumping of Soviet wheat on the markets of the world, it is interesting to note the developments which are causing Russia, from being one of the most primitive of all agricultural nations, to move rapidly along the path towards becoming one of the most modern. In the old days, farming in Russia meant a vast collection of very small farms, operated by men who scratched the soil with primitive tools. Today, two-thirds of the farming area has been "collectivized"—gathered into huge State plots, some of them of enormous extent. The land is being tilled by the aid of modern machinery as fast as that machinery can be obtained, and every effort appears to be made to farm it in the most up-to-date and efficient manner.

It is not always easy to get to know exactly what is happening in Russia under the new farming system, but an observer who has visited the country and seen the developments with his own eyes has disclosed some interesting facts. Obviously, a given number of tractors on a collectivized farm can cultivate a greater acreage than a similar number of machines scattered over individual farms, because intensive organisation makes for a more efficient use of the machinery. According to the observer mentioned, there is in one place a Soviet farm of more than a million acres, where nearly four hundred tractors are in use. Fifteen thousand workers are employed here. The great change in agricultural methods thus betokened has already produced two significant results. In the first place, it has greatly increased the production of Russia's farms. Even though the programme is far from complete, it is declared that Russia to-day is producing fifty per cent. more farm products than in Czarist days. This production, it is believed, will keep on rising each year, and it can be offered to world markets at a price below which the farmers of other countries can possibly meet because the labour costs are so much lower. In the second place, the workers are strictly communized. As an example, it may be mentioned that on one farm, which was a nobleman's estate before the revolution, there are some three hundred men,

women and children, the undertaking being under the control of a supervisor elected by the commune. There are extensive dormitories, with communal kitchens and dining rooms, to say nothing of nurseries where the children are looked after. The communizing of the farms, however, does not appear to have proceeded as rapidly as that of the city workers. Many of the peasants have not taken kindly to the change, and some of them have been permitted to work their own little plots. However, the eventual aim is for collectivized farms everywhere, and already two-thirds of the peasants have been communized.

It is when we encounter reports such as these that we begin to realise something of what is happening in Russia, and to understand why it is that increasing attention is being paid to the developments in that vast country. We may not agree with the social system which has been established and which seems to turn men and women into mere machines, but it would be folly to overlook the results of the operation of that system. Undoubtedly, big experiments are being made by the Soviet, and they deserve close study by other peoples. Whether the consequence will be success or failure, time will tell. The main thing at the moment is not to shut our eyes to what is taking place.

The Hindu-Moslem Issue.

The vexed problem of communal representation in India's Legislature again looms ominously as the rock upon which the Round Table Conference may split. Unrest has been re-awakened among the Moslems; Dr. Moonje's rejection of their irreducible minimum has produced a reversion to the 1927 attitude of no compromise, and the temper of the discussion is far less encouraging than it was a few days ago. The one remaining hope of a settlement of the Hindu-Moslem differences is that when the building of the new Constitution has been completed in plan, when the picture is seen in entirety, its attractions will induce them to a more conciliatory frame of mind. On a solution of their difficulties will depend, in no small measure, the success or failure of the new Constitution. More than that, no Constitution can work, as Mr. Jinnah says, for twenty-four hours without ready co-operation between all the communities. The ideal of the unity of India, inspired by the awakening of the national consciousness, may best be promoted, as the Hindus point out, if it finds first expression in joint political institutions. Nevertheless, there cannot fail to be sympathy for the apprehensions of the minorities in a self-governing India and for their insistence upon protection of their rights and interests. It has been suggested that the communities being unable to reach a settlement, the British Government should follow the recommendations of the Government of India in the despatch of September last. The Viceroy and his Council were then of the opinion, in agreement with the Simon Commission and the Provincial Governments, that separate communal electorates should not be taken away without the consent of the community concerned and that such consent should require the votes of two-thirds of the members in the Legislature of the community concerned. The Government of India explained "on the more general aspects of this baffling problem that it may be a legitimate grievance to deprive Moslems in the Punjab and in Bengal (where they form a majority of the population) of representation in the Councils in proportion to their populations merely because of the weightage allowed to Moslem minorities elsewhere." Dr. Moonje's refusal to accept this latter principle, when allied to Moslem readiness to accept joint electorates elsewhere, is the cause of the stiffening of the Moslem attitude to-day. Consequently, the Hindus cannot be regarded as entirely free from blame, if blame is to be apportioned. On broader issues, there is an extraordinarily gratifying unity of view, and

DAY BY DAY

A MAN IS KNOWN BY THE COMPANY HE KEEPS, BUT YOU MAY KNOW HIM STILL MORE INTIMATELY, THOROUGHLY, AND JUSTLY, IF YOU CAN GET HIM TO ALLOW YOU A PEEP INTO THE BOOKS HE READS.—T. W. H. Grosland.

The temperature in Hongkong at 6 a.m. to-day was 51, compared with 21 in Shanghai.

Sir William Hornell is to distribute the prizes at the Italian Convent School at 5.30 p.m. next Wednesday.

A fine of \$100, or two months' imprisonment, was imposed by Mr. Butters, at Kowloon this morning, on a Chinese, named Ho Ng who was charged with having kept a "sly" brothel at 211, Temple Street.

Two members of the Sze Mei contractors' match, of Lockhart Road, were taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from wounds to their heads caused by an axe during a fight in which the two men engaged.

Passengers who arrived by the S.S. Taiping from Australia included Mr. Wm. Russell, Miss M. W. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Way, Mrs. W. J. Plomley, Mr. R. J. Birrell, Mrs. J. H. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hardwick, Mrs. E. M. O'Kane and Master Derek Berk.

Owing to exceptionally low-water on the East River, trade between Canton and Whelchew is practically at a standstill, with the result that the prices of imported commodities in the East River districts are rising rapidly, while accumulated exports are a source of considerable loss to merchants.

The police found a young destitute Chinese girl, named Lung Leung-ki, in New Street, yesterday after she had been removed to the Tung Wah Hospital. The girl stated that she had been brought down from San Mei by her brother, a mendicant, who had left her in the street because she was sick.

Mr. Da Rosa, of No. 1, Dorset Crescent, Kowloon Tong was summoned before Mr. Butters, at Kowloon this morning, for having discharged fireworks without a permit from the S.C.A. on December 31. Mrs. Da Rosa, wife of defendant, said that her little boy threw the crackers from the verandah on to the road. He was not aware that crackers were not allowed to be discharged. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

mutual trust in other matters would go a long long way. Hopes of such an outcome will not readily be surrendered while India has so much to lose by failure.

[Since the above was written, Sir Muhammed Shafi has made a new offer which, it is hoped may lead to a settlement.]

SYLVIA THOMPSON questions**BIRDS OF A FEATHER?**

THE notion that a man or woman can be judged by the company they keep is one of those half-truths which people utter to one another with a sense of profound wisdom.

In fact, you can no more absolutely judge a man by his friends than you can judge him by his hats, his wife, his library, his motor, or the shape of his nose!

All these things may give some useful indication of his character; a battered hat may convince you that he isn't vain; a pretty wife that he has an eye for beauty; a good library that he is well read; an expensive motor-car that he is rich; and a prominent nose that he is forceful.

On the other hand you may, equally well, have been misled altogether. The decrepit hat may merely betray that he is short-sighted; the pretty wife may not be a credit to his taste, but a tribute to his wealth; the impressive library may have been provided for him by family portraits and heirlooms; the expensive car may show him a spendthrift, and that assertive nose may get no support from chin and jaw and be no more than a grand assertion of futility—a six-inch gun on the prow of a canoe.

Begin to judge any of the people that you know really well by a selection of external signs and you soon realise how easy it is to be misled. In fact you know X to be unusually intelligent, yet his behaviour at Y's dinner-party might have led anyone to suppose, from his silence, that he was dull.

You know Mrs. A has a bank balance as fat as her husband, although her conversations deal interminably with the subject of small economies.

Equally misleading are the implications of people's friends. Take, for instance, three different visits—which you make without warning, to one particular young couple.

On the first occasion you find them in their lovely and austere drawing-room, entertaining a covey of uninteresting people—all rather well-dressed, rather well-bred, and equipped with card-cases and very clean gloves. Mrs. Z (your hostess, whom you have only met before at the house of a mutual friend) is being charming, apparently enchanted by her company, and dispensing tea and platitudes with enthusiasm.

You go home—to comment that Mrs. Z has the most astonishingly dull friends. In fact you discover later that you had fallen on her "yearly" tea-party for the people one never wanted to see but didn't like to offend.

Another time: in the house of the same couple you might discover a bevy of shrill and shrieking individuals, of poster-faced women and sick-suited men—an atmosphere of mildly alcoholic vitriolism.

and cocktail-inspired profundities, reminiscent of the bar of an Atlantic liner. And if these are the Z's friends? Odd, since their taste in many ways is clever—and they aren't themselves in the least like this saxophone-hearted crowd.

You discover that the Z's are entertaining all the business-journalistic, literary, and artistic people with whom they work—which again shows you nothing, except that the Z's keep their bread buttered with gin.

On a third occasion—there is no one at the Z's but yourself and a couple of mutual friends. The result of which is that you come away convinced that the Z's have an exquisite taste in human beings—and in everything else.

The fallacy in the whole notion is the supposition that people need have any qualities in common with the people they entertain. Entertaining is so much more a matter of taste than of affinity. Some people like to have their table surrounded by artists and writers; others prefer politicians; others would have musicians only; others will welcome any Lion—political, literary, or artistic—so long as he roars "as gently as any sucking dove" and writes his name in the Visitors' Book.

Some hostesses, on the other hand, abjure cleverness of any kind as a social evil, fear the artist as the very symbol of bad-grooming, unpunctuality, and lack of manners, and consider that Names, Titles, and Families are qualities desirable in their guests. This type of sociability culminates in the entertainment of Royalty. Sometimes a musician is admitted to entertain the Personage and the Titles and Names, who sit in rows on gilt chairs and listen a little and clap their hands.

But you can't judge these hospitable people by their respective Royalties or Writers, Ambassadors, or Actors—except as far as this gives you a sidelight on their taste, or their business, their snobbishness or their kindness of heart.

People choose to associate with one another for so many accidental, extraneous, impulsive, or habitual reasons that their associates are often no more explicable of character than any other accident or impulse, hobby or custom.

Many people will forgive qualities they wouldn't tolerate in themselves in someone whom they consider amusing; other people will turn the most brilliant talker and thinker from their doors if condemning him for some moral fault.

In short—anyone may have a pretty taste in musicians—and be unmusical; or be the inveterate companion of a dubious neighbour, yet be perfectly virtuous. Friendship, in fact, may be a good taste or a bad habit, a matter of interest, or of kindness—it may be a folio or a fad—but it isn't, to any reliable extent, a test of character.



"I saw the boss out with a dame last night old enough to be his wife!"

CHINESE GIRLS' EDUCATION.**VIEWS OF A LOCAL HEAD MISTRESS.****CAN BE IDEALISTIC.**

"Education for the Chinese girl is still very much in its infancy, but we feel that each year we take a further step towards a fuller conception," declared Miss H. Florence Skinner, headmistress, in her annual report at the distribution of prizes of the Bellios Public School, this morning. "One would like the girls themselves to realise more fully the real value of education, especially their education, which has not the same aim as that of their brothers," she added.

"The conception of family life in China does not bring the girl into the same struggle for existence, and because of the part she has to play in life, the plan of her education can be more idealistic," declared Miss Skinner. "Examinations, though having a certain worth for her, should not be looked upon as the be-all and end-all. She should not consider her education finished with the passing of the Senior Local and the final closing of the school door. In reality it should prove a preparation for the life now before her. It should colour the long hours of leisure that await her in her home. It is at this moment when school life is finished that she should realise the value of the school training and be able to apply it in the direction of thought, in restraint and self-control, in being able happily and worthily to fill her time.

"One would like the girls to know that the object of education is not particular knowledge, there is a higher aim lying at the rear of all that the acquisition of what may be called wisdom: namely, sound, appreciation and just decision as to all objects that come around them, and the habit of behaving with justice, candour, clear insight, and loyal adherence to fact."

Staff Changes.

Referring to staff changes, Miss Skinner said there were few to record. Miss Peyton returned from leave in January. Miss Lewis and Mrs. Leung resigned in August. Miss Baker, an old pupil, joined the staff in September, and Miss Anderson came from the Peak School in October. On December 4 Miss Orme was transferred from the Central British School.

In March we learned of the death of Miss Marion Yuen. Miss Yuen was for many years a pupil in the school and for more than nine years a member of the teaching staff; she left us in December 1928 because of ill health. Miss Yuen was a conscientious teacher and held in very high regard by us all.

Last month we lost another member of the staff, Mrs. Chung Ping Shi, who has taught needlework in the school for about 24 years, died after a brief illness. We all miss her.

The year began with 609 pupils on the roll. The percentage of daily attendance was 96.

Yearly Examinations.

Yearly Examinations were held in December. The percentage of passes in the Upper School was 80 as compared with 85 in 1929. The Lower School results also show a drop in the percentage, this is chiefly attributed to the English subjects, the standard of which has again been raised. The percentage of passes last year was 85%, and in 1930, 70%. This one feels is only a temporary set back, I dare to be confident of better results next year.

While speaking of Examinations may I here say on behalf of the school that we proudly congratulate Dr. Pau Choi Chue, an old pupil who has taken her Medical Degree. Also in her report Miss Skinner touched on the school's activities, especially in regard to the girl guide and Brownie movement.

Sir Shou-son Chow presented the prizes and addressed the pupils in Chinese. He said that he had promised to give a \$100 scholarship to the school, its disposal to be left to the discretion of the staff. He asked that the children have a holiday tomorrow.

Mr. C. E. de Martin (Director of Education) moved a vote of thanks to Sir Shou-son Chow, and said that the Headmistress had agreed to the holiday.

FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains central over the Lower Yangtze Valley. Another has formed over S.E. Mongolia. Moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and fresh to strong monsoon over the Chinn Sea. The local forecast is:—North winds, fresh; fine.

NUMEROUS THEFTS ALLEGED.**FIVE CHINESE CHARGED AT KOWLOON.**

Before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, five Chinese named respectively Tang Hin Wan, She Hon, Wong In Wah, Chan Fuk and Man Ping-cheung, were charged with having stolen a teakwood box, two clocks, \$15 in money, 13 articles of clothing and an Electric Light Company's receipt, to the total value of \$34, from Chan Fuk, stonebreaker, of 55, Ha Heung Road, on January 11.

The first three defendants were also charged with the theft of three articles of clothing, three hair-pins, a string of beads and a pair of silver nut-crackers from No. 20, Pak Tak Street, the property of Miss Ruth Wong, a school teacher. The total value of the articles was \$63.75.

The first defendant was additionally charged with having received a red blanket, valued at \$4, and a silk scarf, valued at \$5, on January 12.

The second defendant was further charged with having received an imitation leather box and a mosquito net, valued at \$5, sometime between January 10 and 13. On the application of Inspector Lane, Mr. Butters granted a week's remand.

THREE EUROPEANS KILLED.**CAR'S MIDNIGHT PLUNGE INTO RIVER.**

Medan, Jan. 2. During New Year night a terrible accident occurred on the way from Penatang Siantan to Telang Tinggi, in which three planters, a Scotsman, Robert Allan Douglas, a Swiss, Roland Schless, and a German, S. Steber, all from Si Boelan Estate, East Coast of Sumatra, lost their lives.

The three men had been celebrating the New Year in an hotel at Siantan and were on the way home to the estate when the driver apparently mistook the way when passing a bridge and crashed down into the river Sungai Bahapal.

Notwithstanding a careful search by hundreds of policemen, natives and others the bodies have not been found yet, as the river is heavily swollen. The car has been brought up and also the body of the unknown driver one of the men who was in the car.

BANDITS CAUGHT NEAR CANTON.**TWO CHIEFS AMONG THE NUMBER.**

Canton, Jan. 14. Acting on information received from the bandits who were captured when the Chungshan tow-boat, Commissioner Auyang-kue, of the Bureau of Public Safety, ordered a raid to be made on the village of Nam Sha, in the Shun-teh district during the week-end.

A force of detectives with two companies of Peace Maintenance Corps proceeded in gunboats, and surrounding the village, succeeded in capturing 19 bandits, including two bandit-chiefs who made an unsuccessful attempt to escape in disguise.

The prisoners were brought back to Canton where they will be tried later.—Our Own Correspondent.

BRITISH DRUG PLAN OBJECTIONS.**CHINESE ASK FOR THEIR ALTERNATIVE.**

Geneva, Jan. 14. Numerous snags have appeared during the discussion in the Advisory Opium Committee's meetings regarding the quota system in the British plan for the limitation of the manufacture of narcotic drugs.

The plan fails to find general favour, and Mr. Woo Kai-seng, the principal Chinese delegate, has requested that consideration be given to the Chinese plan for the creation of an international factory at Geneva which would manufacture the entire world's supply of drugs under supervision of the League of Nations.

The matter will be further discussed in sub-committee.—Reuter.

LIKIN ABOLITION.

Mukden, Jan. 15. The Fengtien authorities have ordered all likin offices in the Province to stop the collection of the tax.—Reuter.

Although there has been heavy booking for Madame Clara Butt's Concert there are still a few seats available.

CORRESPONDENCE.**Cruelty Case.**

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I was glad to note that the case in which it was alleged that a dog had been burned alive was the subject of comment in your last evening's issue.

Was there ever more fiendish cruelty? For the fact that the Indian constable's attention was drawn by hearing the agonised yells of the poor creature surely proved that it was roasted whilst still alive. Why withdraw the case in these circumstances?

Surely our Magistrates have time to attend to such an act of cruelty. They do so in the case of fowls being carried by their wings, and the overcrowding of crates, etc. And it is quite right to punish the offenders. Why this case should have been withdrawn is an enigma to any right-thinking person. This kind of thing only encourages people to repeat such incidents. As you justly remark, "the case was one of gross cruelty beyond argument."—Yours, etc.

MAUDE WOODS.

ROBBERS WITH TOY PISTOLS.**STUDENT'S HOUSE RAIDED THIS MORNING.**

An armed robbery occurred at 62, Bonham Road early this morning when a student, 16 years of age, was victimised by three men who were armed with toy pistols. Money, jewellery and clothing were stolen.

From a report subsequently made to the police, it would appear that the men presented themselves at the residence of Leung Kwok-shiu on the second floor of 62, Bonham Road at about 6 o'clock this morning. They produced toy pistols and then ransacked the premises, taking with them a quantity of money, jewellery and clothing.

The men made their escape before an alarm could be raised.

BRITISH LABOUR DISPUTES.**EFFORTS TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.**

London, Jan. 14. Labour Ministry officials conferred with both sides to the disputes in the cotton industry in Lancashire today.

Every effort is being made to secure a settlement before Monday, when a wide extension of the stoppage is threatened.

The conferences in which the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, and the Mines Secretary, Mr. E. Shinwell, are taking part to find a basis for renewed negotiations between the South Wales coal-owners and miners have continued all day in London.—British Wireless.

AMERICAN AUTHOR'S DEATH.**GEORGE HENRY SARGENT.**

New York, Jan. 14. Mr. George Henry Sargent, the well-known writer, died to-day at Concord, New Hampshire. He was 63 years of age.

A journalist in his early days, he became city editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press in 1890, and joined the Evening Transcript, Boston, in 1896, after which he took up bibliography and literary work. He was the author of The French Revolution and Napoleon in Literature and Character, Romance of Books, Warner Book, and Lauriat's.

He also compiled Epigrams and Aphorisms of Oscar Wilde.—Reuter's American Service.

A LONG-RANGE TALK.**PHONING BETWEEN BANDOENG & NEW YORK.**

Batavia, Jan. 14. The manager of the Government telephone service, in the Dutch Indies, at Bandoeng, has successfully conversed by wireless last night with a colleague in a New York suburb.

The conversation was relayed via Java, Holland and London.—Reuter.

In Shing was charged before Mr. Butters, at Kowloon this morning with the theft of a quilt. Sub-Inspector Evans, asked for a remand on the ground that he strongly suspected that the defendant had been released from prison only yesterday. The application was granted.

WESTMINSTER GLEE SINGERS.**BOOKING OPENS NEXT MONDAY.**

Booking will open at Moutrie's next Monday, 19th inst., for the short season of Mr. Edward Branscombe's 16 Westminster Glee Singers, to commence in the Theatre Royal the following Monday, Jan. 26th.

The main object of the Westminster Glee Singers' world tour—the present one has lasted nearly three years and embraced Canada, U.S.A., Australasia, Malaya and Manila—is to revive an interest in the national music of the Old Country, in the form of the folk songs and traditional airs of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Nowadays, there is an ever-increasing appreciation of these beautiful melodies, many of which are being utilised in all forms of composition, including very important works for orchestra. Community singing is an interesting development of the new trend, which clearly indicates a very widespread demand for something in the nature of genuine music and quite possibly the next step will be to make part-singing a compulsory subject in all our schools.

Mr. Branscombe was delighted to find that in New Zealand this had already been started, with a training school for pupil teachers in the art of voice production. It should not be forgotten that the British race is, and always has been, pre-eminent in choral singing.

LATE SIR GERSHOM STEWART.**FORMER RESIDENT LEAVES BIG FORTUNE.**

The late Sir Gershom Stewart, K.B.E., formerly of Whiteholme, Haylake, Chester, and of Hongkong, who died at No. 116, Sloane Street, Westminster, Middlesex, on December 5, 1929, left Hongkong estate which has been valued at \$159,900, while gross estate in Great Britain amounts to £72,906 10s. 8d. Re-securing of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for the executors. The will contains family bequests.

Local estate worth \$62,400 was left by Li Fung, alias Li Fung-iso, alias Li Kan-sang, alias Li Hor-ping, alias Li Lun Kee Tong, alias Li Yuen Yee Tong, who died intestate at No. 63, Wo Ling Lane, Tai San Street, Canton, on August 25, 1928. In addition to a widow and concubine he was survived by 16 children.

Cessate letters of administration have been granted to Li Kam-shi, widow, who is living at No. 20, Pei Ho Street, Shamshuipo.

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SINO-FOREIGN ISSUES.**RETURN OF THE BELGIAN SETTLEMENT.****TIENTSIN CEREMONY.**

Tientsin, Jan. 15.

Accompanied by his secretaries, the Nanking Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. C. T. Wang, arrived here yesterday morning and was accorded a warm welcome by a group of Manchurian officials including Mr. Chang Hsueh-ming, brother of General Chang Hsueh-liang.

The Nanking Minister will take over the control of the Belgian Settlement here this morning, in accordance with arrangement reached between the Chinese and Belgian Governments. The retrocession ceremony will take place at noon.

Mr. Wang will stay here for three days before proceeding to Peking and Weihaiwei. At Peking he will confer with the French, Norwegian and Dutch Ministers concerning the extrality problem.

The Nanking Minister will visit Tientsin for a second time next week before returning to Nanking, and it is understood that conferences between him and Generals Chang Hsueh-liang and Mo Teh-hui, chief Chinese delegate participating in the Sino-Russian Conference at Moscow, have been arranged to take place here.

General Mo is on his way from Harbin to Tientsin and expects to arrive here during the week-end. After a conference with Mr. C. T. Wang he will proceed with the Nanking Foreign Minister to Nanking to submit a lengthy report on the Moscow negotiations to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

It is considered most significant that General Chang Hsueh-liang has made an unofficial statement to the effect that he has consulted Mr. Wellington Koo, former Minister to U.S.A., Mr. W. W. Yen, former Minister to Germany and Denmark, ex-Peking Premier and well-known author of economy and politics, and Mr. Lo Wen-kan, ex-Peking Premier, on the Sino-Russian issue.

General Chang Hsueh-liang said that these statesmen had expressed the unanimous opinion that it was not unwise for the Manchurian delegates at the Moscow conference to proceed with simultaneous discussions on the resumption of Sino-Russian political and commercial relations and the settlement of the C.E.R. imbroglio. It is considered possible that one or all of these three advisers to General Chang will attend the meeting next week with Mr. C. T. Wang.

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LOS ANGELES GOLF TOURNEY.

VON ELM AND FORRESTER IN A TIE.

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.
George Von Elm, self-styled "business golfer," and Jack Forrester, Hackensack, N.J., professional, tied for first place in the opening round of the Los Angeles \$10,000 open tournament to-day. Each scored 68, two under par. Von Elm was out in 34 and in in the same figure.
Tied for third, with cards of 69, were Tony Manero, of New York, Eddie Loos, of Chicago, and Clarence Clarke, of Tulsa, Okla.
Other low scores:
Leo Diegel, Agua Caliente professional, 70.
Craig Wood, Bloomfield, N. J., 71.
Gene Sarazen, New York, 71.
Al Watrous, Birmingham, Mich., 72.
Al Espinosa, Chicago, 72.

LOCAL CRICKET.

THE R. C. C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C. in their 1st Division League match against the Civil Service on the latter's ground on Saturday:—J. C. Lyal, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, W. Brace, W. C. Hung, F. Zimmern, F. E. Lawrence, G. C. Burnett, N. A. E. Mackay and R. A. Carroll.
The following will play for the K.C.C. in the 2nd Division League match against Civil Service on the Kowloon ground:—R. E. Lindell, G. Lee, H. Overy, G. A. V. Hall, F. E. Skinner, F. S. W. Smith, S. Jex, A. A. Dand, A. R. F. Raven, D. W. Gregory and R. G. V. Mend.

LEN HARVEY LOSES IN AMERICA.

LOSES BOUT AFTER A FINE FIGHT.

New York, Jan. 9.
Although floored twice for counts of nine in the first round, Vince Dundee, of Baltimore, was given a decision over Len Harvey, British middleweight champion, in their 12-round bout here to-night.
The crowd of 10,000 boomed the verdict. The Associated Press score card gave Harvey six rounds, Dundee five and one even.
Harvey weighed 154 and Dundee 169.

Melbourne, Jan. 14.
The Loan Council has unanimously decided to recommend that Mr. Scullin be invited to call an early conference of State Premiers and Treasurers, with the object of laying down a "three-year plan" aiming at adjustment of public finance and general monetary conditions.—*Reuter*.

LATEST INDIAN INCIDENTS.

CALLOUS CONFESSION BY MURDERER.

Lahore, Jan. 14.
A callous confession has been made by the Sikh arrested for the bungalow crime, in which Mrs. Curtis, wife of an Army officer, was killed and her two children injured. He told the police that he joined the army last year "for the purpose of murdering a British officer," but had no opportunity. He was discharged, and became a Congress worker. He was imprisoned, and released three months ago, since when he had continued to seek a victim.—*Reuter*.

Attempt on Viceroy?
Calcutta, Jan. 14.
A passenger train on the Eastern Bengal railway was derailed between Rangpur and Shampur. It is stated that the special train in which the Viceroy was returning to Delhi after his tour of Bengal and Assam passed over the same spot a couple of hours after the accident.—*Reuter*.

Delhi, Jan. 14.
The Viceroy has arrived here.—*Reuter*.

A Cawnpore Bomb.

Cawnpore, Jan. 14.
It is reported that a bomb was hurled at the house of the Moslem Deputy Collector. There were no casualties.
A coconut shell containing explosive was found on the premises.—*Reuter*.

Picketers Active.

New Delhi, Jan. 14.
Three hours before the opening of the session of the Legislative Assembly, local Congress authorities posted male and female picketers outside the residence of Shanmukhan Chetty, who had been nominated to act as Chairman pending the election of a successor to the ex-Speaker, Mr. Patel.
Shanmukhan Chetty, however, escorted by police, took the chair punctually at eleven o'clock.
A hundred and eleven out of 143 members attended, and took the oath.
Thirteen male picketers were arrested.—*Reuter*.

UNIVERSITY TENNIS MATCH.

PRESENT STUDENTS BEAT PAST BY GOOD MARGIN.

A tennis match between the past students of the University and the undergraduates was played at Pokfulam on Tuesday afternoon. The present students winning by six sets to three. The scores were:
G. de Souza and G. E. Yeoh (Present) beat K. C. Yeoh and Horace Lo 3-6; lost to M. H. Lo and Horace Lo 3-6; lost to Lu Tak-lam and Lu Tak-chuk 6-8.
Y. F. Chew and D. J. N. Anderson (Present) beat Yeoh and Zimmern 6-1; beat Lo and Lo 6-1; beat Lu and Lu 6-3.
F. Y. Khoo and T. K. Lien (Present) beat Yeoh and Zimmern 6-2, beat Lo and Lo 6-2; beat Lu and Lu 6-1.

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All interested in rifle shooting are reminded of the meeting which is to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co., Ltd., to-morrow evening, for the purpose of forming a Hongkong Rifle Club.

As previously announced, the Government has shown its interest in the project by promising to provide a range near the railway tunnel, Kowloon Tong, and the Club will be open to civilians—both ladies and gentlemen. A miniature range, clay pigeon shooting, and revolver shooting will in all probability be provided for.

Local riflemen have for long past lacked a range, and now that that is forthcoming it is hoped by the organizers, at the head of whom is Mr. R. M. Dyer, that the project will receive hearty support.

To-morrow evening's meeting takes place at 5.30.

RUGBY.

NAVY SIDE OVERWHELM THE CLUB.

At Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the Club "A" team met a side composed of Navy players who, in a very one-sided game, ran out winners by 35 points to nil. The service men were altogether too strong for the Club, who fielded a weak team, and the result was never in doubt. It is hoped that there will be a tie-breaker for the Interport Trial match to take place next Saturday, which gives promise of being a game well worth seeing.

Lisbon, Jan. 14.

Wireless messages now discredit the report that the aeroplane "Trade Wind" fell near St. Michael's Island. It is believed the islanders mistook star-shells fired by a British vessel for flares from the aeroplane.—*Reuter*.

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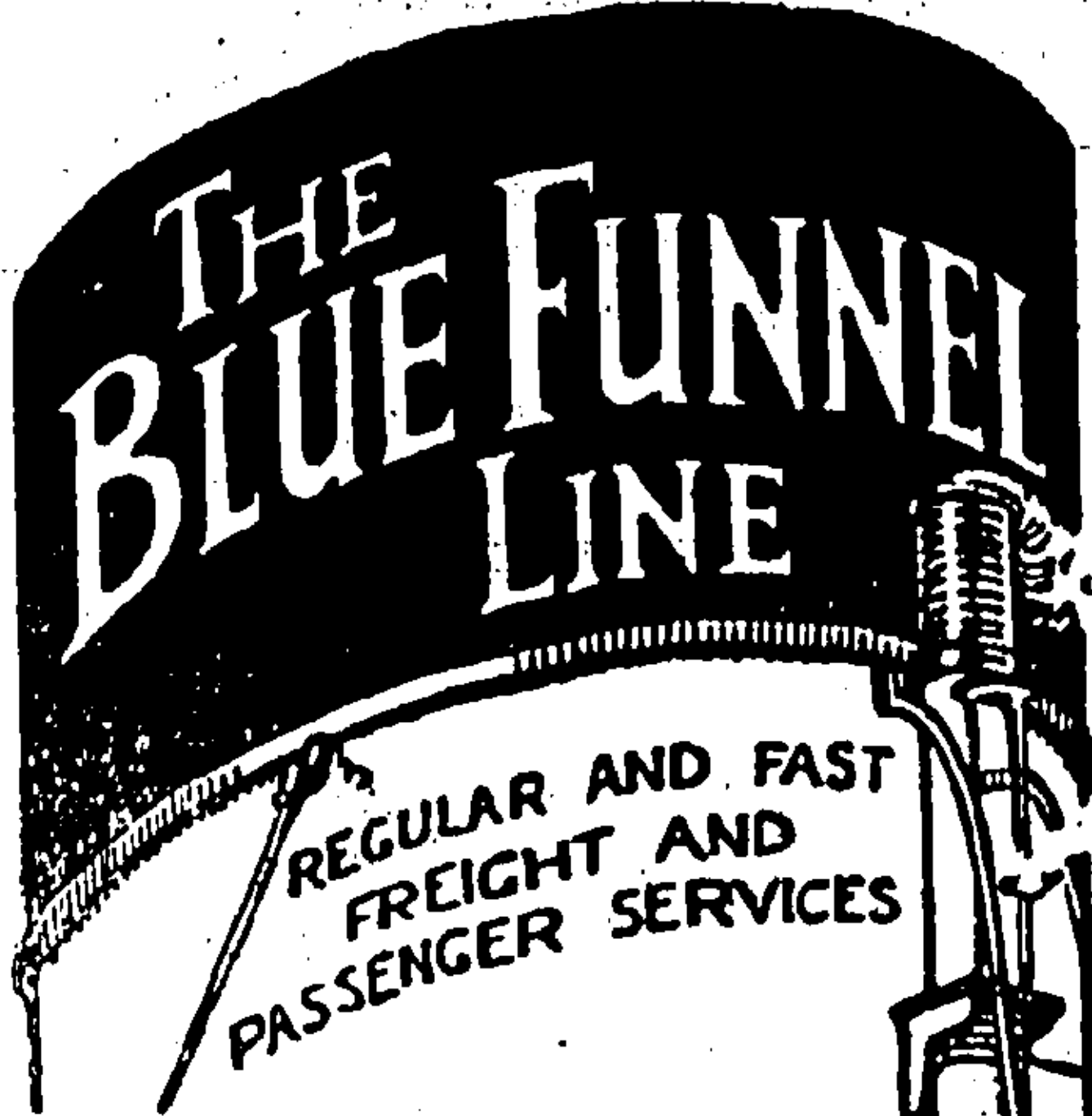
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Among those who gathered at the graveside were: Messrs. H. Ellis, B. Wyllie, L. J. Blackburn, J. C. Faers, E. R. Duckitt, W. J. Rattey, G. Duncan, J. H. Bottomley, H. G. Wong (representing the Linotype Co.), J. Brown, W. D. Matthews, D. Muir, James Dickson, E. J. Figuerido, J. Stewart, E. Ralton, D. Renton, E. G. Harvey, and J. Hunter, Mrs. D. Gow, Mrs. B. Wyllie, Mrs. Rattey and Mrs. Dickson.

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LOCAL GRADUATES.

ASSOCIATION FORMED IN HONGKONG.

A meeting of graduates of the Hongkong University was held in the Great Hall of the University yesterday afternoon, under the chairmanship of the Hon. Dr. Foo Ping-shueung, LL.D., B. Sc., and it was decided to form an association to be entitled "The Hongkong University Graduates' Association."

At the commencement, the chairman thanked the gathering for the honour they had done him by asking him to preside at the meeting. He said that the formation of such an association had been on his mind for some time. He recalled the fact that when he was in Canton in 1923, a similar association was formed, though only on a small scale. It was still in existence in 1928 when he left Canton, but he could not say whether there was now still such an association.

In Shanghai, went on the speaker, there was another association, this being on a bigger scale. When he was in Nanking in 1927, graduates of the Hongkong University who were in that city also formed an association, which is still in existence and of which he had had the honour of being chairman for four successful years.

Some time ago, continued Dr. Foo, he received a telegram from Sir William Hornell, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, asking him to preside over the meeting. He fully approved of the idea of forming a Graduates' Association in Hongkong, and he immediately replied that he was only too glad to do so. He regretted that no sufficient preparations had been made, but by the large number of people in the Hall, he presumed that they all approved of the idea of forming this association. (Applause.)

The chairman explained that the aims of the proposed association were to maintain and foster the bonds of friendship among graduates and former students of the University of Hongkong, and to afford means whereby they may be kept in touch with the interests and activities of the University.

Membership. Rule.

With regard to membership, it was decided, after some discussion, that graduates were entitled to become members of the Association; and also "past students who have been internal students of the University may be admitted to associate membership; associate members will enjoy all privileges of members but may not vote nor hold office in the Association."

The following officers were elected:—Hon. Dr. Foo Ping-shueung (Chairman); Mr. Harry Hong Sling, M. A. (Vice-Chairman); Mr. William Hall (Hon. Secretary); Mr. Li Ping-kwong (Hon. Treasurer). The committee consists of the following:—Dr. Yew, Miss Julia Lom, Dr. Chau Wai-cheung, Mr. H. Braga, Dr. D. K. Samy, Mr. Kong Sik-kwong, and Dr. N. P. Karanjia.

The Hon. Dr. Foo demurred when he was proposed, on the ground that he would not always be in the Colony and he thought that a man who was "always on the spot" should be elected. On Dr. Karanjia's remark, however, that the spirit rather than the presence of the man should rule over the Association, Dr. Foo was prevailed upon to accept.

Before the meeting terminated, Dr. Karanjia proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

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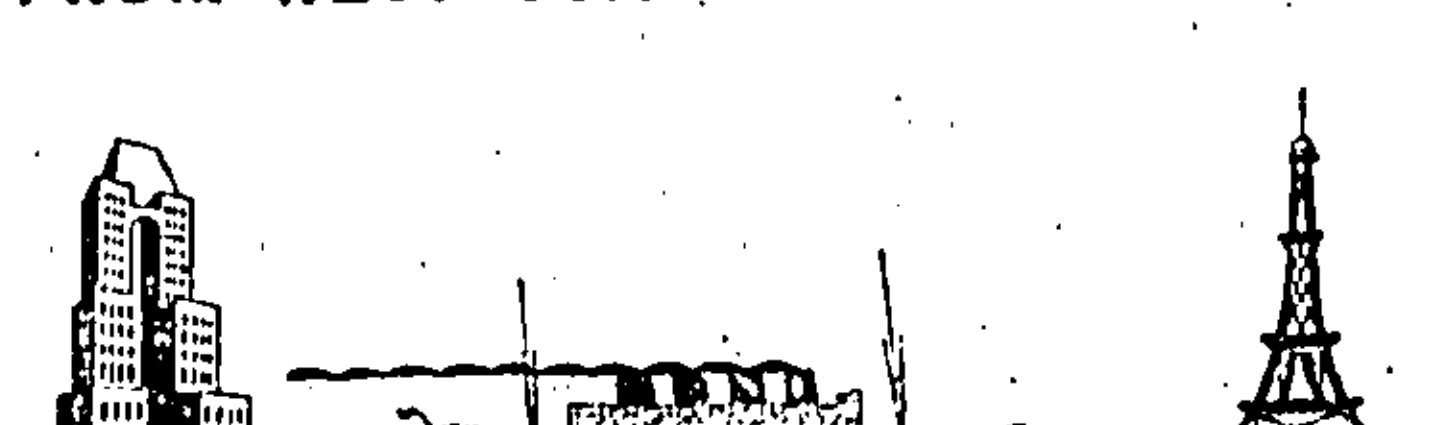
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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.

(Continued from Page 2.)

and a sense of honour and loyalty, service and fair play. It also teaches them skill in handicraft, and ministers to their physical well-being. It is just the thing needed by the youth of the present day. Very aptly is the Movement called "The Boys' League of Nations," for it is an organization having for its chief object Fellowship and Service. It has grown so rapidly that to-day there are nearly 700,000 Boy Scouts in the British Empire alone, and over 2,000,000 in the world. It has spread to forty-two countries besides Great Britain and the British Dominions, and is helping to establish Brotherhood throughout the world.

Ladies and gentlemen, permit me to conclude by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor for sparing the time to come and preside at this meeting. The deep and practical interest which His Excellency has evinced in all matters concerning the welfare of the community, and the ability with which he has grappled with the many intricate problems that have arisen since his arrival, have strengthened our confidence that in him the Boy Scouts Association has not only a sympathetic friend but also a wise guide.

A Fine Movement.

His Excellency said:—I should like to thank Doctor Kotewall for proposing this vote of thanks and to thank you all for your warm endorsement of it. When, soon after my appointment was announced as Governor of this Colony, I was asked if I would become Chief Scout and I accepted with the greatest pleasure. I feel, however, that during the time I have been here, I have done very little in that capacity. In fact, I seem to have confined my duties merely to signing a few warrants. I do not want it to be thought that I am at all lacking in sympathy or enthusiasm for the movement. I have always thought it is one of the finest movements in modern years. In reading some literature I saw when I visited Headquarters in London, before I came out here, I was struck by those very figures that Dr. Kotewall has just quoted, giving the number of British scouts as 700,000 and others as 2,000,000 recognised by the International Committee. Any movement that, in 22 years, can show these figures must obviously be a fine movement.

Hongkong has done its share and achieved considerable success. They have the right man in the right place as Commissioner. Although I have not known Mr. Waldergrave for very long, as he has been on leave, I feel sure you could not get a man more suited for this post.—(Applause).

Rather More Wanted.

It is obvious from the report that rather more is wanted. On the one hand, there seems to be a dearth of scoutmasters and I endorse Dr. Kotewall's appeal very strongly for people to come forward and become officers.

The other need is evidently a need for funds to wipe off at any rate, a large portion of this mortgage. I was somewhat surprised to read in the report it is often stated that there is nothing to do

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE PRIZE DRAWING.

MR. HO KOM-TONG SPEAKS ON BRIGADE WORK.

The drawing of the St. John Ambulance Brigade prizes took place yesterday afternoon, at the premises of the Chinese Comrades' Association, in China Building, and was witnessed by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, and Messrs. A. Morris, Assistant Commissioner, and Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., (Chairman of the Finance Committee). Other members of the St. John Ambulance's Finance Committee also present included Messrs. Ip Lan-chuen, Tang Shiu-kin, T. N. Chan, Fung Heung-chuen, and Kwok Shiu-lau.

Before the drawing, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, in a brief speech, mentioned the fact that of the 10,000 tickets issued only 7,000 had been sold, and at \$2 each they realised some \$14,000. After deducting the cost of the prizes, of which there were ten, the St. John Ambulance is benefited to the extent of \$8,000. The speaker remarked that the local St. John Ambulance Brigade was founded some sixteen years ago and since then the number of its members and officers has increased to 400. The members performed meritorious work in local fires, storms and other disasters in which medical services were required.

Mr. Ho said that none of the members received salaries, all joining the Brigade with the unselfish aim of serving the public and their fellow-men. He went on to mention the fact that members of the Brigade performed valuable work in connexion with the vaccination campaign and, in 1929, no fewer than 350,000 members of the community were vaccinated by the Brigade officials.

Lucky Numbers.

Below will be found a list of the lucky numbers, the first prize being a Pontine Four-door Sedan motor car, worth about \$5,000. The second prize is valued at \$1,000 and the third at \$500.

	Ticket.
1st. Mr. Chan Hung-shin	06782
2nd. Mr. Fok Lu-tong	06461
3rd. Kin Shing	08106
4th. Mr. Luk Ming-un	05343
5th. Sold by Dr. Ma Luk	04650
6th. C. A. M.	01808
7th. Mr. P. C. Yip	02965
8th. Mr. MacFadyen	05245
9th. Miss Yu Wai Shun	05692
10th. Mr. Li Chor-chi	02857

Prizes may be obtained from Mr. Fung Heung-chuen, of the Fung Tang Co., Pedder Building, on application and on presentation of tickets.

In Hongkong, I have been greatly impressed by the activities here. There is more to do here than in other places I have had to deal with. It contains a great deal of generosity as evidenced by the assistance given in other directions monetarily, and I am sure that people will come forward to assist in this very fine movement of the Boy Scouts.

As the local Chief Scout, I should like to convey my thanks to the various people who have helped so much in connexion with this Association and to thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for coming here this afternoon to show your sympathy with the movement.—(Applause).

The meeting then terminated.



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GODDESS OF MERCY.

CANTON PARK STATUE TO BE DEMOLISHED.

A proposal for the demolition of the statue of the Goddess of Mercy in the Central Park at Canton was submitted by the Bureau of Public Works to the Municipal Council and was unanimously passed, due to the fact that most of the ignorant superstitious women have recently burnt their paper-money and joss-sticks before the idol. The decision is imperative, as the preservation of the statue may lead the people to the superstitious practice. It is learnt that a bronze statue of Dr. Sun Yat-sen will be erected in its place.—Canton News Agency.

LAND-SPEED RECORD.

NEW ATTEMPT BY CAPTAIN MALCOLM CAMPBELL.

London, Jan. 14.
Captain Malcolm Campbell has left for America to attempt to break the late Sir Henry Segrave's world land speed record of 231 miles an hour, in the three and a half ton stream-lined "Bluebird," at Daytona Beach.—Reuter.

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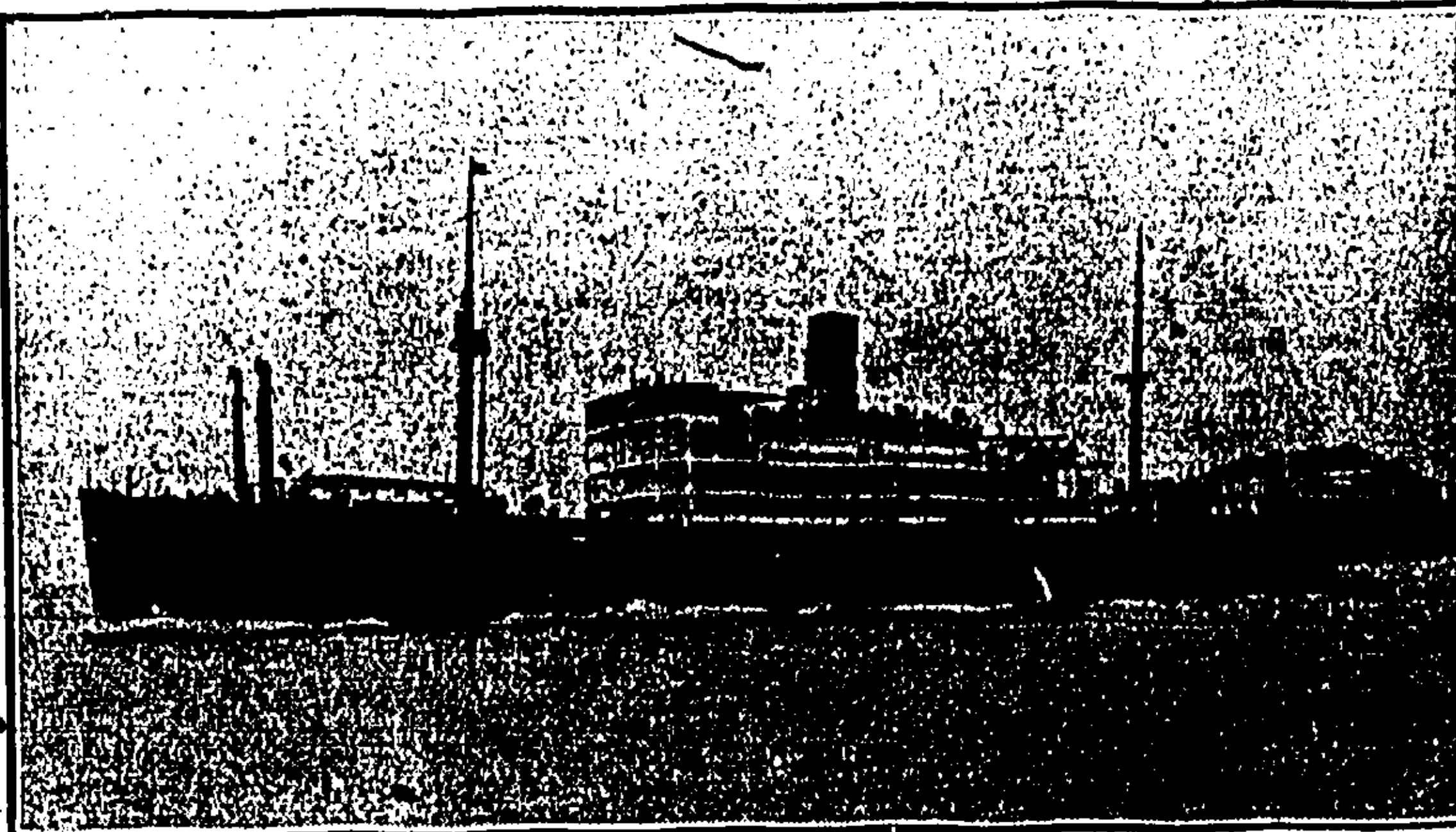
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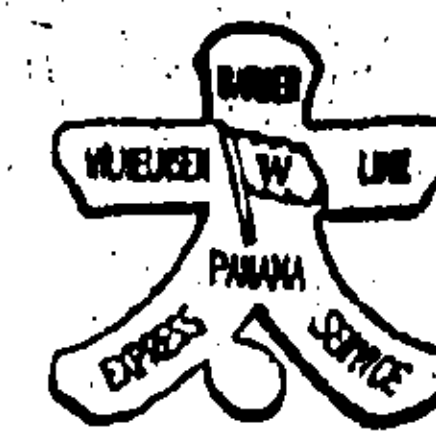


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MALWA	10,980	31st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
HALIFORE	5,273	1st Feb.	Moji, & Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	14th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
KARNALA	9,128	14th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RAJPUTANA	16,586	27th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
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THE BONUS SYSTEM.

SHAREHOLDERS OF BETHLEHEM STEEL BRING SUIT.

New York, Jan. 14.
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The instigators in their suit desire to abolish the bonus system of the Bethlehem Corporation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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MUCH SUGAR BURNED.

THE INCENDIARY CAMPAIGN IN CUBA.

New York, Jan. 14.
A message from Havana states that a total of 675,000 arrobas of sugar (an arroba is a Spanish weight approximately equal to 25 lbs) has been destroyed by fire in the plantations of the Oriente Province.

This is the work of incendiaries, against whom orders have been issued to troops and police to shoot to kill.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GRIM STORY OF FILIPINO REBEL UPRISING.

OFFICERS KILLED IN BEDROOM.

BATTLE FOR TAYUG LASTS FOR 12 HOURS.

WOMEN IN REVOLT.

Manila, Jan. 12.
The most spectacular Colorem outbreak in the history of the Philippines took place yesterday morning at 1 a.m. in the town of Tayug, Pangasinan. An armed band of 400 outlaws swooped down on the constabulary barracks, killing and wounding the defenders of the city, firing the barracks, and subsequently burning the principal structures of the municipality.

They held the city for over twelve hours, but subsequently constabulary forces mobilized, and at 4 p.m. made a concerted attack on the outlaws who were barricaded in a convent. Matters came to a climax at 7.30 p.m. when the stronghold was stormed and many of the band made prisoners. Peace has been restored, but the district is apprehensive that another attack will take place.

The Casualties.

Killed:
Lieutenant Sulpicio Bachiñi
Lieutenant Martin San Pedro
Private Basilio Lancelon
Corporal Pascual Lavarro
Private Esteban Blando
Pedro Bido, Colorem leader
Austin Ma, Damasco
Faustina Vidal, daughter of leader, Arcadio Vidal, who is badly wounded
Unidentified dead, estimated at 50.

Wounded:
Captain Mariano N. Castaneda, bullet wound below right eye
Lieutenant Jose Polotan, wounded in forehead, left leg
Sergeant Eligio Marcos, shot left leg, may be amputated
3 Constabulary Enlisted Men
Colorems wounded estimated at 50.

Lieut. Polotan was once captured by the raiders, made a dramatic escape, and was wounded in the subsequent fighting. The Colorem killed Lieutenants Sulpicio Bachiñi and Martin San Pedro while they were asleep in their quarters. Three constabulary soldiers were killed to death, when the constabulary barracks were on fire at about one o'clock in the morning.

Pledge in Blood.

With the dead bodies of Lieutenants Bachiñi and San Pedro was found a Colorem, who was supposed to have been killed by Lieutenant Bachiñi in a hand to hand fight, and who was later identified as Pedro Bido, one of the leaders of the band.

On the hat of Pedro Bido was pinned a tiny paper Filipino flag on the back of which was a pledge written in blood in Ilocano which translated is as follows: "I, Pedro Bido, solemnly pledge that I shall defend my native land and protect the Filipino flag with my life."

The Colorems, after the murders, burned the presidencia and disarmed the municipal police. They took out all government records and burned them. They tried to open the treasurer's safe but failed.

Burn Post-Office.

The post-office building was sent on fire, the contents of which were all reduced to ashes. Three homes were burned, one of which belonged to Justice of the Peace Mamenta.

The Colorems did not harm civilians. They were after only those in authority, especially the constabulary.

Constabulary soldiers under Lieutenants Polotan and Jaban reached Tayug in a motor-truck at about three o'clock this morning and found the Colorems in possession of the presidencia.

The truck and its driver were captured by the Colorems, who attacked at once, the soldiers retreating to a safe distance. Fire was exchanged and eight Colorems fell wounded.

The constabulary then advanced to the presidencia and took it under fire. The Colorems retreated to the Catholic Convent which had been deserted by the priest and there barricaded themselves. They exchanged shots the whole day with the constabulary who were in the presidencia about 200 meters away.

Reinforcements.

Colonel Ochao asked for reinforcements and instructed Lieutenant Polotan, who was in command at the presidencia, not to rush

FIRST INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

"POSSIBLE" TEAM TO PLAY THE ARMY.

[By "Wanderer."]

The first official Interport Trial Match is to be played at the Club ground on Tuesday next, at 4.30 p.m. The Army having been asked to provide the opposition.

The Association cannot be accused of indulging in excessive experiment in the selection of the Trial team, which is expected to line up as follows:

Clark (Police);
Li Tin-sang (South China).
Bishop (Club);
Hedley (Kowloon);
Oram (Police);
Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Ath.);
B. Gosano (Recrelo);
Segalen (Club);
A. Gosano (Recrelo);
Fung King-cheung (S. China);
Ip Pak-wa (South China);
Reserves: Strange, McBride and A. Dunne (Club);
Sun Kian-shun (Chinese Athletic).

GERMANY FACING BIG DEFICIT.

FINANCE MINISTER ON THE FUTURE.

Berlin, Jan. 14.
Addressing the Reich budget committee, the Finance Minister, Herr Dietrich pointed out that the financial situation has been much aggravated since January 1. His revised estimate of the decline of revenue was now \$35,000,000.—*Reuter.*

Herr Dietrich added that he expected the Budget deficit in 1931 to total \$50,000,000. Taxation would not be increased, nor would the salaries of officials be further reduced. It was imperative, however, that administrative costs be reduced and, eventually, military and naval expenditure.—*Reuter.*

HONGKONG KNITTING FACTORIES.

SOME MAY REMOVE TO CANTON.

Canton, Jan. 13.
It is rumoured here that owing to the new taxes on manufactured articles, several large knitting factories in Hongkong and Kowloon, whose biggest markets are Canton and other distributing centres for the interior, are seriously considering moving their factories here.

This move is said to be with a view of escaping the duty on manufactured articles which is considerably heavier than that on raw materials.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

the convent until the reserves had arrived.

During the engagement, a woman Colorem waved a Filipino flag in front of the Convent but under cover of the Pangasinan Transportation truck captured by the Colorems. She was hit by a constabulary marksmen and killed outright.

Speaker Manuel Roxas was returning to Manila from Laong when he learned of the affray at Villalita and headed for the scene of the fighting. He witnessed the exchange of fire and was almost hit by a stray bullet.

Reserves to reinforce the handful of constabulary men arrived at about 4 o'clock. Major Silvino Gallardo and Captain Castaneda came from Manila with 150 men. Captain Caedae with Lieutenant Arambul came with about 100 men from Cabanatuan and Lieutenant Espiritu with 20 men from Tarlac.

Under command of Colonel Ochao and Major Gallardo the soldiers in skirmish formation issued forth from the presidencia and advanced to the convent. The plaza of Tayug was like no man's land.

Convent Riddled.

Within a distance of a few feet, the soldiers opened fire and the convent was riddled with bullets in a terrific bombardment lasting about 10 minutes. The door of the convent was broken with an axe and it was here that Lieutenant Polotan's head was scratched by a Colorem bullet.

After hand to hand fighting lasting forty minutes, the bandits gave up the struggle. Six, including two women, were killed and about twenty wounded. Twenty-two men and thirteen women were taken prisoner.

The rest of the outlaws were able to escape, aided by darkness. They are reported to have fled towards San Nicolas and Asingan with the constabulary soldiers of Nueva Ecija and Nueva Vizcaya on their trail. A company of soldiers from Imus, Cavite, will be dispatched from Manila this morning to aid in the capture of the escaping Colorems.

TRAGIC CLIMAX TO BUSINESS TALK.

THE SHOOTING AFFAIR IN CAINE ROAD.

MERCHANT'S ALLEGED ACT MYSTIFYING.

ABSENCE OF MOTIVE.

A tragic end to a business deal was indicated to Criminal Investigation Department officials when they were called, shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon, to investigate what appeared to be a sensational case of murder, followed by suicide.

In a room used as a living room and office, on the ground floor of 17, Caine Road, the home of a wealthy merchant, they found the huddled forms of three men, these being

Sun Fong-hing (41), the merchant;
Lai Kwai-ching (45), his accountant, and
Chan Hang-sik, a pawnbroker, who was on a visit.

Both the merchant and his accountant were dead; from wounds in the head; while the pawnbroker was in a grave condition from a bullet wound through the neck.

An empty automatic pistol was discovered on the floor, close to the dead body of the merchant. All three bodies were lying within a few feet of each other, the positions in which they were found suggesting that they had been seated around a table before the shooting took place.

Recent Pistol Test.

The first enquiry of the police investigators was centred on the empty pistol, and it was ascertained that the weapon belonged to Sun Fong-hing, who had recently undergone a police test in the use of firearms before a license which he had been holding, was renewed.

A check of the ammunition he used in that test, failed with the fact that three rounds were left in the pistol before it was fired at this tragedy.

Members of the merchant's family declare that they had not the slightest inkling of what went on in the room after Chan Hang-sik, the man hired to bring the injured in Hospital, had called at the house, an hour before the shooting took place. All they knew, they said, was that Chan Hang-sik, a pawnbroker recently arrived from Shekhi, was engaged on a business deal with the merchant, and had previously called on the merchant a number of times.

With Lai Kwai-ching, an accountant employed by the merchant, who lives with the latter at the residence, they were closeted in the room for an hour. The discussion is understood to have concerned certain landed property which the merchant was seeking to acquire in the country.

"It was a discussion carried on in ordinary tones," a *Telegraph* reporter was informed, "and nothing occurred to alarm the other members of the family, most of whom were at home."

Three Shots Heard.

Two shots were heard, fired in quick succession, these being followed after a little interval by a third.

The frightened inmates rushed into the room to find the bodies of all three men lying on the floor.

With the arrival of Detective Inspector W. Shannon and other officers on the scene, it was ascertained that both the merchant and his accountant were dead, from head wounds which must have killed them instantly. The third man, the pawnbroker from Shekhi, was suffering from a wound in the neck. He was in a bad way when rushed to the Government Civil Hospital.

On the question of motive, the Police authorities are reluctant to make a statement until after fuller investigation.

One point has been established, that the merchant was a man of substantial wealth, well-connected in the Colony, and at the time of his death was in a position which disposed immediately of any suggestion that he was in financial difficulties. He is survived by two sons, the elder of whom was only recently married, and a number of daughters.

DUTCH NAVAL MOVEMENT.

The Hague, Jan. 14.
The Dutch destroyer Vangalen will leave Curacao on February 21 for the Dutch East Indies via the Cape. She is due at Batavia on June 1.—*Reuter.*

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